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HONG KONG BORDER SITUATION

The situation on the Hong Kong border has undergone no change in the last 24 hours, there having been no large withdrawal of Japanese troops since a further 1,000 men embarked in a transport off Namtau on Monday evening.

The reductions have been so extensive, however, that it is estimated by competent quarters that the Japanese force manning the border posts is only 25 per cent. of the number involved eight days ago.

"It is quite correct that the Japanese troops along the border—between Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok—have been considerably reduced," said the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner of Police, in an official statement to the "China Mail" to-day.

HEAVY WITHDRAWAL

As reports appearing exclusively in the "China Mail" during the last few days have shown, between 3,000 and 4,000 Japanese troops have left by transport from Tai Shan Bay and the Japanese garrisons in the villages along the border from Namtau to Shataukok, formerly comprising each between 60 and 150 men, have now not more than 20 men in each port.

The last batch to leave on Monday night, consisted of some 1,000 Japanese troops. The inhabitants of Nantau were conscripted to help the Japanese to load ammunition and war supplies on the transport.

BIAS BAY INCURSION

On the same day, some 400 Japanese troops were landed at Taipung in Bias Bay, where four Japanese battleships anchored.

After occupying the village port, the Japanese advanced inland but at Ba-kong were attacked by a band of some 600 Chinese guerillas. Result of the encounter is not yet ascertainable, but it is believed that the Japanese sustained losses of men and supplies, which caused their withdrawal.

The Japanese have also left Sha-ning-chung and with 250 men are now occupying of Kalchung, about five miles west.

The Chinese Maritimes Customs Station at Sha-ning-chung has already begun to function once again.

FERRY SERVICE

The Sha-ning-chung-Taipo Ferry service is continuing and to-day 190 Chinese came from the Chinese side while some 200 left Taipo for the other side of Mirs Bay.

RUMANIA ALARMED

Bucharest, To-day. Rumania has begun to fortify her frontier with the Soviet along the valley of the Dniester, where, in the past week, additional Russian troops and tanks have been observed. — Reuters.

ITALIANS WARNED

Rome, To-day. The populations of Italian cities were advised by the press yesterday to leave for rural districts unless compelled for urgent reasons to remain in towns.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER'S REPLY

SEE PAGE TWO

"GERMANY'S CLAIMS TO DANZIG AND CORRIDOR PERMIT OF NO DISCUSSION"

London, To-day.

THE AEROPLANE in which the British Ambassador to Germany, Sir Nevile Henderson, flew to Berlin on Monday, returned to Heston aerodrome yesterday arriving at 3.30 p.m.

There was considerable excitement at Tempelhof when the aeroplane which had brought Sir Nevile to Berlin was wheeled out of the hangar and made ready for the flight, but it finally took off with only junior members of the British Embassy.

Political circles believe that Sir Nevile Henderson sent a memorandum to London by the plane, in which he described his conference with the German Chancellor on Monday night.

Regarding the contents of the British reply to the German note, informed circles maintain strict silence, nor is there any indication as to the tone of the German answer.

It is stated that very few persons know anything whatever about the Notes so that all press information is based on pure speculation.

GERMAN "DELAY"

German delay in replying to the note did not occasion surprise as the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, had announced that the German Government had expressed a desire for the British Government to examine its note from every aspect before replying, and it was, therefore, natural that the German Government should grant its deepest consideration to the British answer, despite the fact that the situation in Poland becomes more critical daily!

Regarding the general German attitude, it is emphasised that it remains unaltered and political circles declare that the German claim to Danzig and Corridor permits of no discussion.

"These districts," declares the "Berliner Nachtausgabe," "proclaimed their allegiance to Germany while their inhabitants could still voice their true opinion and these territories are therefore German. This facts cannot be evaded in either Paris or in London for tactical or other reasons."

ROOTS OF CRISIS

Commenting on the diplomatic exchanges between Germany and England, the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" states:

"It is a case of an exchange of opinion which does not become mired in this or that detail but which goes to the roots of the present crisis. The great ideal of general reorganisation of peace which would have been based on cooperation between Germany and Great Britain, was destroyed at the moment that London changed her political course last March to one of opposition to Germany.

"Since this time, England had re-

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LONDON FEELS MORE OPTIMISTIC

London, To-day.

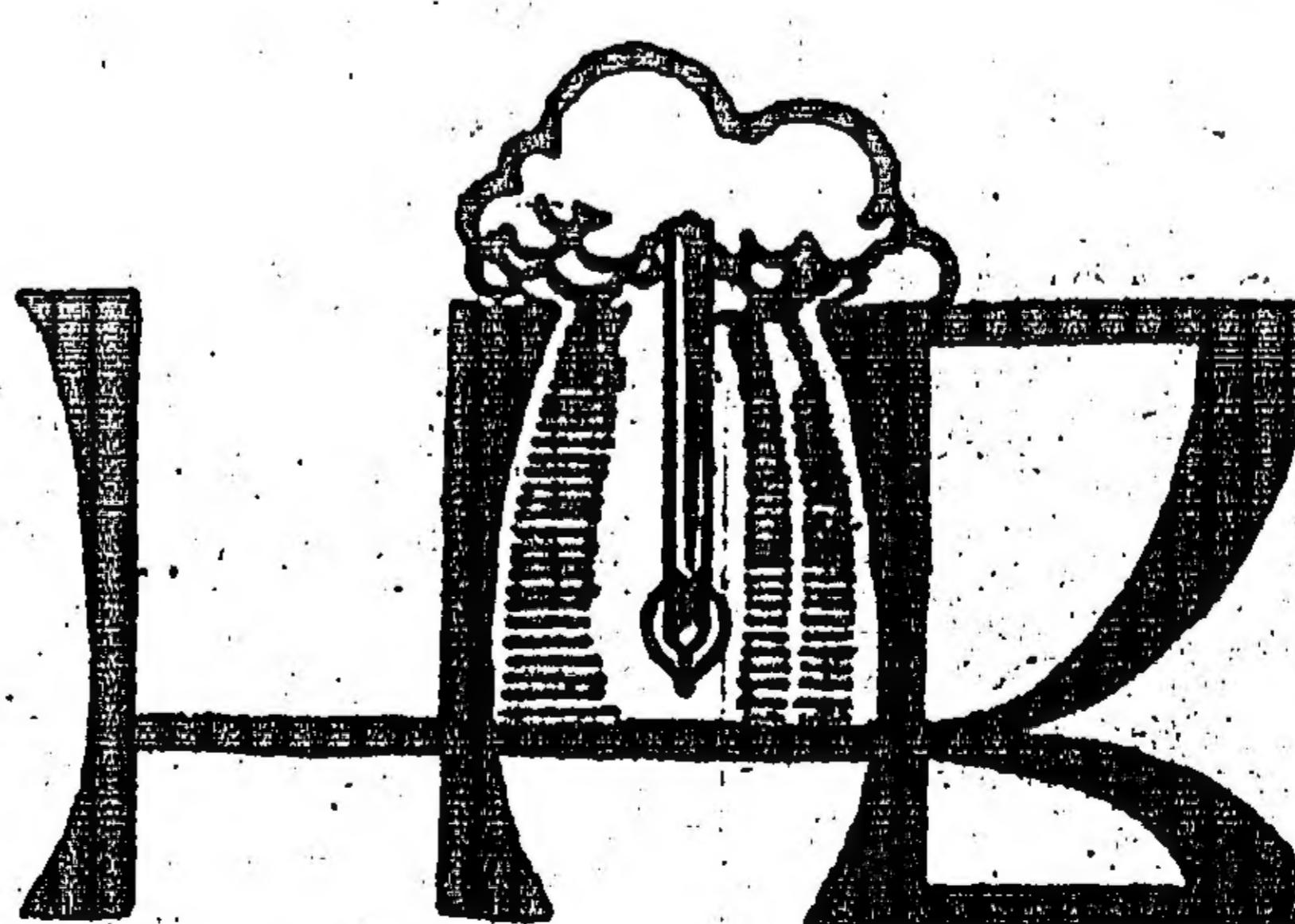
While featuring the words of the British Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, the late evening editions of the papers indicate growing optimism.

Satisfaction is expressed with Mr. Chamberlain's emphasis on England's preparedness and determination to fulfil her obligations, and significance is attached to the fact that the Russo-German pact has not yet been ratified.

The opinion is expressed that Germany will not take initial steps in beginning the war without the pact having been ratified.—Trans-Ocean.

most serious defects in the Versailles peace and a continuation of these (Continued on Page 28)

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

HITLER'S REPLY TO THE BRITISH NOTE HANDED OVER: NO DISCLOSURE, BUT —



HERR HITLER . . . has sent his reply.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Rome, To-day. Sir Percy Loraine, the British Ambassador, saw Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, for a half-hour's talk yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

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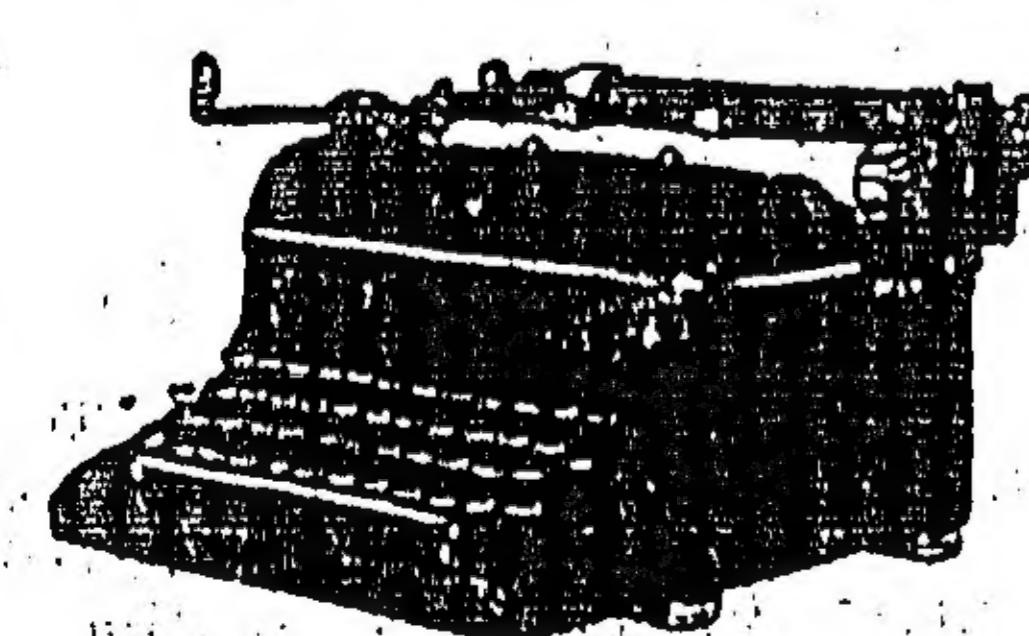
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HERR HITLER'S REPLY to the British Government's Note has been handed to Sir Neville Henderson by Herr Hitler personally, and it is believed that it has now been despatched telegraphically to London.

Reuter is, at all events, authoritatively informed that no arrangements have yet been made for any member of the British Embassy staff to fly to London with the reply.

According to D.N.B., the official German news agency, Hitler, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, received the British Ambassador at the Chancellery at 6.15 p.m. G.M.T. some four hours after Mr. Chamberlain had completed his speech in the House of Commons, and handed him the reply.

The interview between the Fuehrer and Sir Neville lasted for about 25 minutes, and well-informed quarters believe that after Hitler had handed over a formal Note, he made an oral explanation to the Ambassador.

WHY NOT?

It was at first suggested that the reply would be conveyed to London by one of Sir Neville Henderson's secretaries by special plane, and the fact that this has not been done has given rise to speculation on its significance.—Reuter.

It is learned that the German reply to Britain was held back by the German Government until the speech of Mr. Chamberlain had been taken under consideration.—Reuter.

DETAILED CHARACTER

Later. It is learned that the German reply was of a detailed character and was handed over in German. The translation into English took some time.

Further details were added by oral explanations to Sir Neville Henderson.

Sir Neville Henderson was alone when he visited the Fuehrer.

Commenting on the exchange of Notes between Berlin and London, the "National Zeitung" of Essen, which is associated with Goering, says "The Fuehrer's preparedness to examine even partially bearable and reasonable proposals and to make an effort to approach the necessary solution is exemplary for any statesman."

"VERY SERIOUS"

"Even if the diplomatic conversations between Berlin and London are continued, the situation remains, as before, very serious, and it must be added that it will remain serious until the hour when the just German demands are fulfilled."—Reuter.

STANDPOINT DEFINED

Berlin, To-day. Although nothing has so far transpired concerning the German message remitted to the British Ambassador, political circles stress that no doubt can exist regarding the German standpoint as defined already in Hitler's letter to M. Daladier.

It is pointed out that the new incidents "occurring daily" prove the untenability of "Macedonian conditions" on Germany's Eastern frontier.

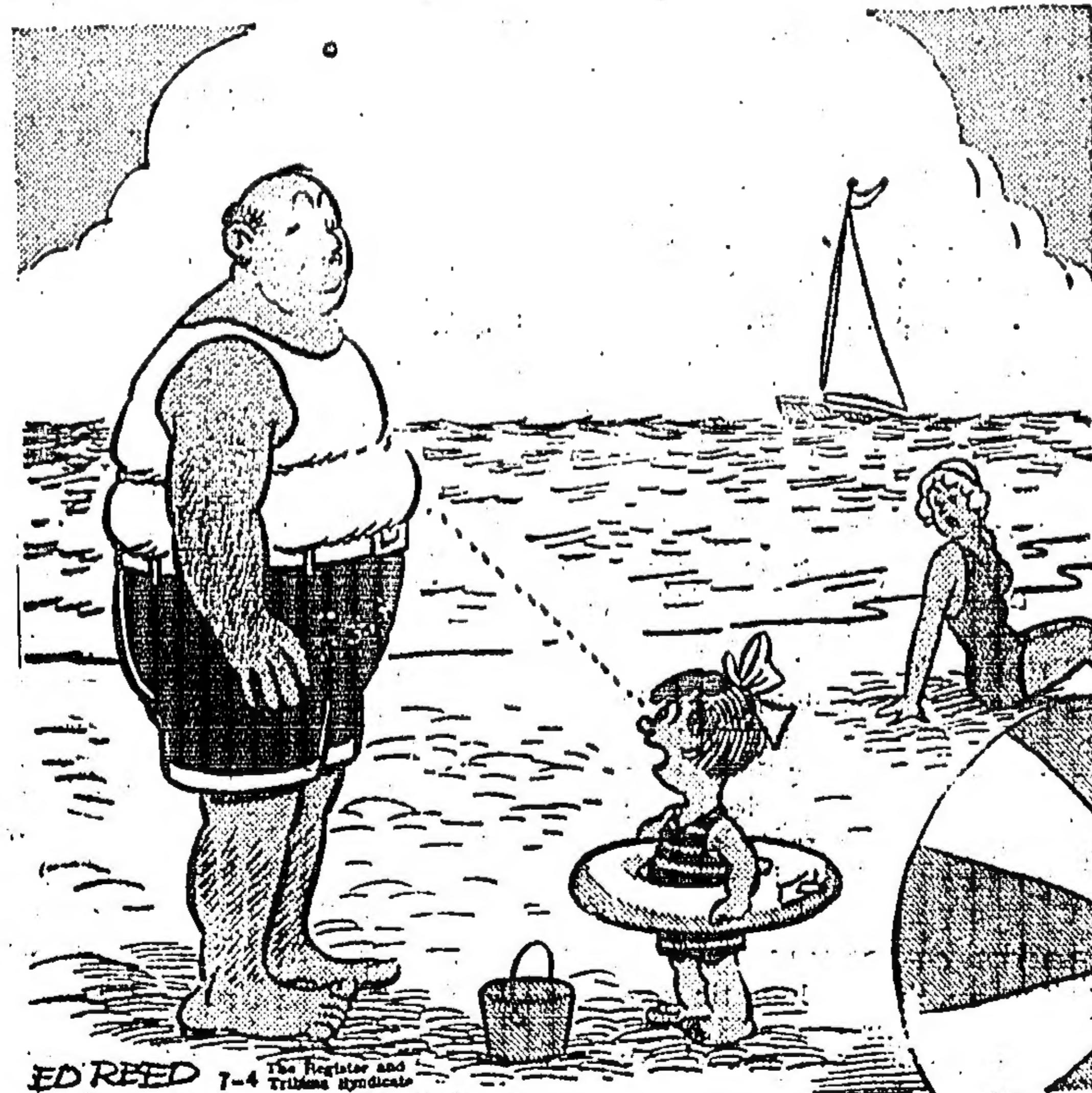
It is argued that the Poles encouraged by the guarantees of the Western Powers, persist in their maltreatment of Germans in Poland, thus endangering peace.

Germany is also trying to say that Poland has aggressive plans which are becoming increasingly evident, and it is stated that besides the military front "threatening Danzig," three

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



Here's Luck

EWO BEER

PREMIER'S SPEECH PLEASES U.S.

Washington, To-day. The resolute tone of Mr. Chamberlain's speech has produced unmistakable satisfaction among officials in Washington.

President Roosevelt has delayed his departure for Hyde Park while the crisis lasts, but it is regarded as unlikely that he will make any further international move while negotiations continue between London and Berlin.—Reuter.

DOWNING STREET CROWDS

London, To-day. Mr. Chamberlain left Downing Street shortly after 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Buckingham Palace to report to the King on the latest developments in the international situation.

As Mr. Chamberlain appeared in the doorway of his residence, he was greeted by a burst of cheering from the assembled crowd and shouts of "God Bless You" were heard.

The audience with the King lasted twenty minutes.

Following the return of the Prime Minister to Downing Street, he received Lord Halifax and Sir Alexander Cadogan.

Returning to the Foreign Office, Lord Halifax was visited by the former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. Lord Halifax was also enthusiastically cheered by the crowds whenever he appeared. — Trans-Ocean.

POLAND AND PREMIER'S SPEECH

Warsaw, To-day. Mr. Chamberlain's speech was enthusiastically received by official circles, and public and political quarters regard it as calm, strong and determined, showing that Britain as well as Poland is resolved to endeavour to settle all questions by peaceful means but to stand firm, upholding Poland's vital rights.

The official spokesman emphasised Britain's readiness to act in the event of aggression.—Reuter.

WAR RISKS ON GERMAN, ITALIAN SHIPS CANCELLED

New York, To-day. Marine underwriters have cancelled all war risk insurance on German and Italian vessels, and also on all shipments to and from or through Italian or German ports.—Reuter.

WAR INSURANCE RATES

London, To-day. In addition to the war risk insurance rate increases announced yesterday, cargoes for the Red Sea and East Africa north of the Equator via the Cape are quoted at 60/- per cent. outwards and homewards.—Reuter.

other main Polish fronts have been formed against the Reich and Russia!

Political circles contend that responsibility for the present crisis lies with the Western Powers, although the German Government had clearly made known its readiness to fight if necessary in order to repair that injustice.—Trans-Ocean.

INFERENCES AS TO HITLER'S REPLY SUGGESTED

Berlin, To-day.
CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS regarding the contents of the German reply to Britain are being drawn in Nazi political circles from the fact that the press continues to allege the persecution of Germans in Poland and editorials try to justify Germany's claim to the Corridor district.

It is felt that Mr. Chamberlain's speech has neither improved the situation nor made it worse—in other words, has left things unchanged.

First editions of this morning's newspapers publish the speech without comment, while the front pages carry large headlines such as "Polish terror again kills five," "Gruesome torture in Polish concentration camps" and "Beastly disfiguring of a German victim."

The "Völkische Beobachter" sharply criticises the semi-official French communication which took a stand against Hitler's letter to the French Premier.

ALSACE-LORRAINE

The paper accuses the French Foreign Office of ridiculing the importance of Germany's claim to Alsace and Lorraine and trying to justify Poland's claim to the Corridor.

The paper also carries an article entitled "Alsace-Lorraine—the French Corridor," in which statements by Marshal Foch and President Poincaré in 1914 are quoted demanding the return of the territory to France.

The paper asks: "If French honour would not allow these provinces to remain in German hands, how can France expect Germany to renounce our claim to the two eastern provinces, the surrender of which to Poland cut Germany into two parts?"—Trans-Ocean.

FIGHTING NORTH OF CANTON

Yungyun, To-day.

Chinese troops at Tsengshing, launched a fierce assault on Hokling, in the northern suburbs, on Monday, and dislodged the Japanese who withdrew across the moat outside the northern city gate.

The Chinese later broke into the northern city gate and engaged the Japanese in street fighting for over an hour, inflicting heavy casualties.

Japanese reinforcements later arrived. The Chinese withdrew to the suburbs.—Central News.

NEW AIR LINE FROM BERLIN TO CHINA

Chungking, To-day.

If negotiations turn out to be successful, a new air route will be inaugurated, linking China with the Soviet and Germany.

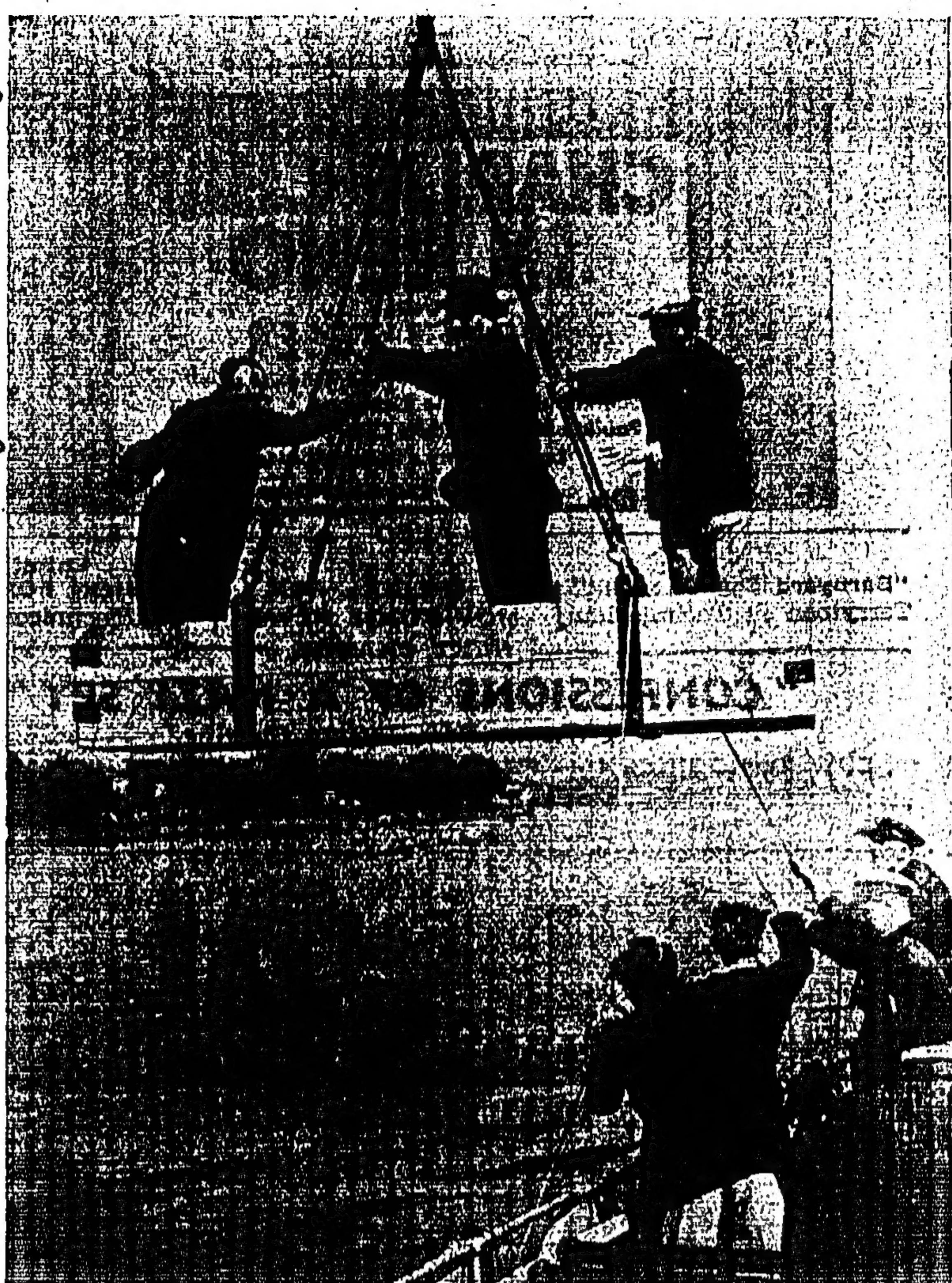
Discussions are reported to be proceeding and it is suggested that Junker type machines will be used on the Chungking-Moscow-Berlin airline.

It is understood that it will take three days to reach Berlin from Chungking.—Our Own Correspondent.

SLOVAK ATTITUDE

Pressburg, To-day.

Dr. Tiso, the Slovakian Premier, has received a telegram from Slovaks in the United States, assembled for Catholic's Day in Chicago, assuring him of their loyalty to the Slovak nation.—Trans-Ocean.



The Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, attended a special rehearsal of the Thames Ambulance Service of the P.L.A. at Battersea Power Station. Photo shows him hoisted off the P.L.A. pleasure boat by Battersea Power Station's giant crane in a "stretcher" attached to the grab.

STOCK MARKET BRIGHTENS

London, To-day.

In general, there was an improvement in prices on the Stock Exchange, with somewhat freer trading in the leading issues as a result of a more optimistic view of the international situation.

Gilt-edged securities were occasionally bought at prices above the fixed minimum levels and industrials were also substantially higher.

A more confident feeling is also prevailing in other markets, as shown by the decline in prices of recognised "war" commodities, including wheat and sugar, while sterling was strong against the dollar, closing at 4.3825, as compared with 4.28 yesterday.

Wall Street was "firm."—Reuter.

PACT SAVES WIFE OF M.P.

London, August 16.

Fearing that if they journeyed together an accident might orphan their three children, Mr. Anthony C. Crossley, M. P., and his wife resolved always to travel apart.

The accident they guarded against happened yesterday.

Mr. Crossley was one of the five people killed when a British Airways plane burst into flames and crashed into the sea near Vordingborg, Denmark.

At the time, his wife was packing at their home in Mallord-street, Chelsea, London, preparing to go by boat.

"For years we have both flown to our annual fishing holiday in Sweden," Mrs. Crossley told the "Daily Mirror" last night. "But then we promised each other we would always travel

separately. There were our three children to consider.

"Now I am thankful that we kept our promise, and I am spared to bring up the children."

Mrs. Crossley has cancelled her plans to go to the Continent.

Her father-in-law—Sir Kenneth Crossley, Bart., head of Crossley Motors—is overcome with grief at the loss of his only son, who until a few years ago disliked flying.

Sir Kenneth's woman secretary said at his Cheshire home: "Although he is keen on flying—he keeps a plane—I doubt if he will ever fly again."

There were six people in the machine which left Heston for Stockholm. The survivor is the pilot, Captain C. F. C. Wright, who escaped with cuts as the air-liner sank.

NEW HOPE FOR 'IRON LUNG MAN'

New York, August 18.

Now that he is married Fred Snite, "the man in the iron lung," is likely to recover, according to Dr. William Wildman, who tended Mr. Snite during his voyage back to the United States from China, where he was stricken with paralysis in 1936.

Dr. Wildman, a ship's surgeon, attended Mr. Snite's wedding.

On returning to his post at San Francisco he said:

"When I called on Fred at his home after the honeymoon he was sitting in a chair with a portable respirator attached to his chest.

"He can breathe without the respirator for as long as 70 minutes at a time. Two years ago he could not breathe unaided for more than a fraction of a minute.

"The excellent medical care he has received, plus his own courage and will to live—made greater now that he is married—will pull him through."

ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT

London, To-day. Parliament stands adjourned for one week subject to earlier recall, and Britain, like the rest of the world, awaits Herr Hitler's reply.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN OFFER ACCEPTED

Paris, To-day. The British and French Governments have informed the Belgian Government that they have accepted the offer of its good offices to solve the crisis.—Reuter.

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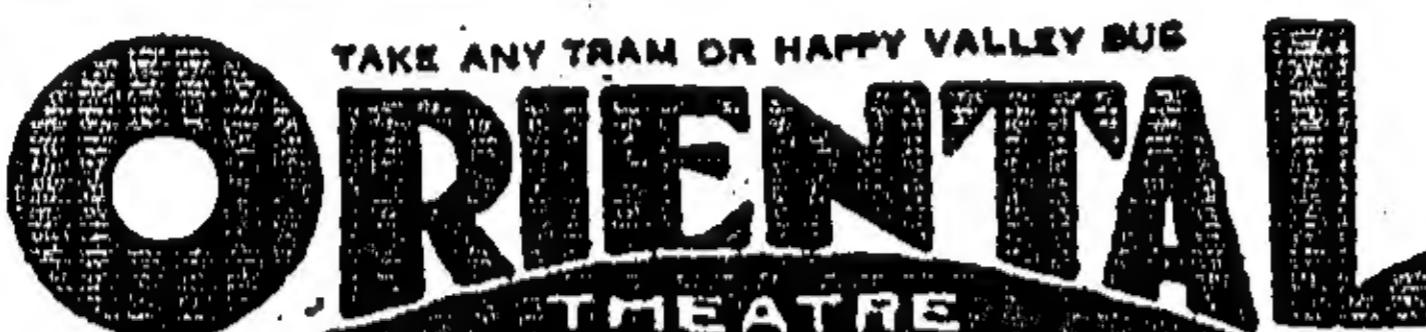
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THIRD DEGREE CHARGE AGAINST POLICE REFUTED

THAT A STATEMENT, admitting the murder, was made by him when charged, for fear of further assault by the Police, was the allegation made by Tso Lam, giving evidence at the Supreme Court this morning in the case in which he and five others are charged with the murder of Li Hung by throwing him overboard with hands tied to a stone, near Tong Ko Island, on May 23.

The accused were Tso Lam, 30, Leung Lam, 22, Li Fuk, 26, Chan Luk, 30, Li Wan-heung, 27, and Chan Kam, 27.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn, was for the first, third and sixth accused, and Mr. G. She, instructed by Mr. D. McCallum, defended the others.

The following comprised the Jury. Messrs. A. Wright (Foreman), Yick Soy-kwan, A. Stalker, F. X. Botelho, H. J. D. Lowe, B. W. Simmons, and C. M. Xavier.

This morning Mr. F. Shaftain, A.S.P., said that in accordance with instructions in murder cases he was present when accused were charged and they made their statements, after caution.

A.S.P. GIVES EVIDENCE

First accused, in answer to a question said "We six did murder Li Hung." In answer to a question by Mr. Shaftain, first accused mentioned the five accused by name. The customary procedure was followed with the other accused and the statement, by the first accused was read to them.

This was necessary as they had been implicated by the statement of the first accused.

In reply to Mr. Prentis, Mr. Shaftain said he was certain that no persuasion or compulsion was used.

With the exception of senior officers, nobody could get near a prisoner charged with murder during his detention.

In answer to Mr. Lo, Mr. Shaftain said that 10 men were originally charged, but four were released as the Police could offer no evidence against them. If eight had been mentioned by first accused, the police would not have charged the other two, if there was insufficient evidence.

ACCUSED'S STORY

Tsoi Lam, first accused, in the witness box, said he took part in the junk piracy. Nine persons were taken over to the robbers' junk. They were put into a hold astern, tied up. Three men went on the cargo boat and sailed it away to dispose of the cargo. He and two others were left on the robber junk. He sat on the cover of the hatch, which covered the hold completely. The prisoners were able to obtain air through two small holes in the rear.

They sailed to Ling Wan and moored there. He did not go alongside for sixth accused to bring stones aboard.

He denied throwing Li Hung overboard. Nobody was thrown overboard. Nine persons were tied up as soon as they came aboard. They were released by the other robbers on May 22. He went ashore that morning about 8 a.m. to smoke opium and did not return till midnight.

When he returned, he asked where the prisoners were, and was told that they had been released in Man Wan.

He was arrested on June 20 in Ling Wan, in his own hut, which was an opium divan. He was brought to Hong Kong in a Police Launch. He and nine others also arrested, were placed in the hold.

CHINESE DETECTIVE

On the way he was asked about the murder and when he stated that he knew nothing about it he was assaulted by a Chinese detective.

JAPAN'S CABINET

Tokyo, To-day.
The new Cabinet is composed of General Nobuyi Abe, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; General Shunroku Hata, Minister of War; and Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida, Minister of Navy.—Reuter.

He told the constable that he did not murder anybody but admitted robbing the boat.

A pencil was placed between his fingers and they were pressed down causing much pain.

Because of this, he admitted the murder.

Replying to Mr. Lo, accused said he did not commit the murder. He could not stand the torture, that was why he said he did. He was not the only one ill-treated, all six of them were ill-treated. He could not see what happened to the other four prisoners. There were still marks on his fingers.

He admitted making the statement in answer to the charge and mentioning the other accused. He had done so because he was afraid that the Police would strike him.

ACCUSES EUROPEAN

When he was taken to the room to make the statement in answer to the charge Sub-Inspector Cunningham was in the room. The inspector went to a drawer and took a square black ruler and struck accused three times over the back of the neck. Mr. Shaftain was not there at the time.

When he was being charged, there were other Chinese detectives in the room.

He made the confession through fear.

He did not make any confession in the Lower Court because he was before a tribunal or court and it was not necessary.

The case is proceeding.

COLONY'S P.T. SUPERVISOR ROBBED

Hung Chung-fan, 22, office coolie, was bound over, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for stealing a pair of blue serge-trousers from Mr. B. J. Morahan, of the Education Department, at the Fire Brigade Building, on Monday.

Detective Sergeant J. M. Forrest said that defendant was arrested in possession of the trousers outside a pawnshop in Queen's Road, Central, yesterday.

FAILED TO FIND SCHOOL

Louis Dunn, of No. 278, Ma Tau Wei Road, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, when summoned for failing to appear for medical examination at the Garrison School on August 4.

Defendant said that he could not at first locate the Garrison School. Eventually he got there, but was too late.

CANADA AWAITING CLIMAX OF CRISIS WITH CALM

Toronto, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S statement has left Canadians calmly awaiting the climax of the crisis, confident in Mr. Chamberlain's leadership. Canadians apparently unanimously agree that they would back Britain to the hilt in the event of war.

The hearty response to the recent Government call for volunteers for protection against sabotage indicates that Canada is willing to supply men in addition to resources.

Many are disappointed that the Dominion Government has withheld official announcement regarding its position, but others agree that the present non-committal attitude is best to preserve the country's calm.—Reuter.

AMERICA LOOKING TO SOVIET

Washington, To-day.

As a result of the "canny" attitude of the Supreme Soviet to the Soviet-German pact and other information reaching here, officials are hoping that the U.S.S.R. may yet contribute its share towards the restraint of aggression.

It is expected, however, that if Russia assists it will be through the same type of benevolent neutrality which the United States expects to adopt.

While Soviet-American relations received an extreme shock when the pact was signed, officials now believe things not so bad as they seemed and the anti-Soviet campaign of the American press a little premature.—Reuter.

STERLING RECOVERS

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

WHILE FOREIGN CURRENCIES WERE STILL LARGELY NOMINAL OR NON-EXISTENT ON THE NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET YESTERDAY, STERLING RECOVERED MORE ACTIVELY IN VIEW OF THE LESSENING OF TENSION, THOUGH FUTURES CONTINUED TO BE MAINLY A NEGOTIATION AFFAIR.

On the other hand the franc benefited from some repatriation of French funds, together with the flight of funds from countries nearer to war places.

Far Eastern currencies also improved except for the yen and the rupee, which remained of a nominal character.—Reuter.

MOSCOW MISSION IN CRUISER

Dalo, To-day.

The British military mission which arrived here from Moscow yesterday morning, continued their journey to Bergen, where they boarded the cruiser H.M.S. *Sheriff* for England.—Trans-Ocean.

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Work is proceeding satisfactorily and rapidly.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE AND POUND

BUENOS AIRES, TO-DAY.

IN VIEW OF THE FALL IN THE POUND STERLING, THE ARGENTINE HAS FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND HAS SEVERED ADHERENCE TO THE STERLING RATE.

A Finance Ministry communiqué says that the Government is considering steps to prevent disturbance of the country's economic stability.

Preparations have been made to meet all possibilities if the situation in Europe becomes more critical.—Trans-Ocean.

PROHIBITED AIR ZONE IN INDIA

London, To-day.

A forbidden air zone has been proclaimed over various districts in India.

Reports from Simla state that flying over the fortified harbours of Karachi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras has been forbidden.

All aircraft disobeying the orders will be fired at by anti-aircraft guns.—Trans-Ocean.

YEN FREED OF LINK

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

JAPANESE BANKS HAVE DECIDED TO ALTER THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVAILING POUND STERLING AND AMERICAN DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE IN RELATION TO THE YEN.

With the consent of the Bank of Japan and the Finance Ministry, the old rate was increased by 1/16.

This means that the yen has become independent of the pound.—Trans-Ocean.

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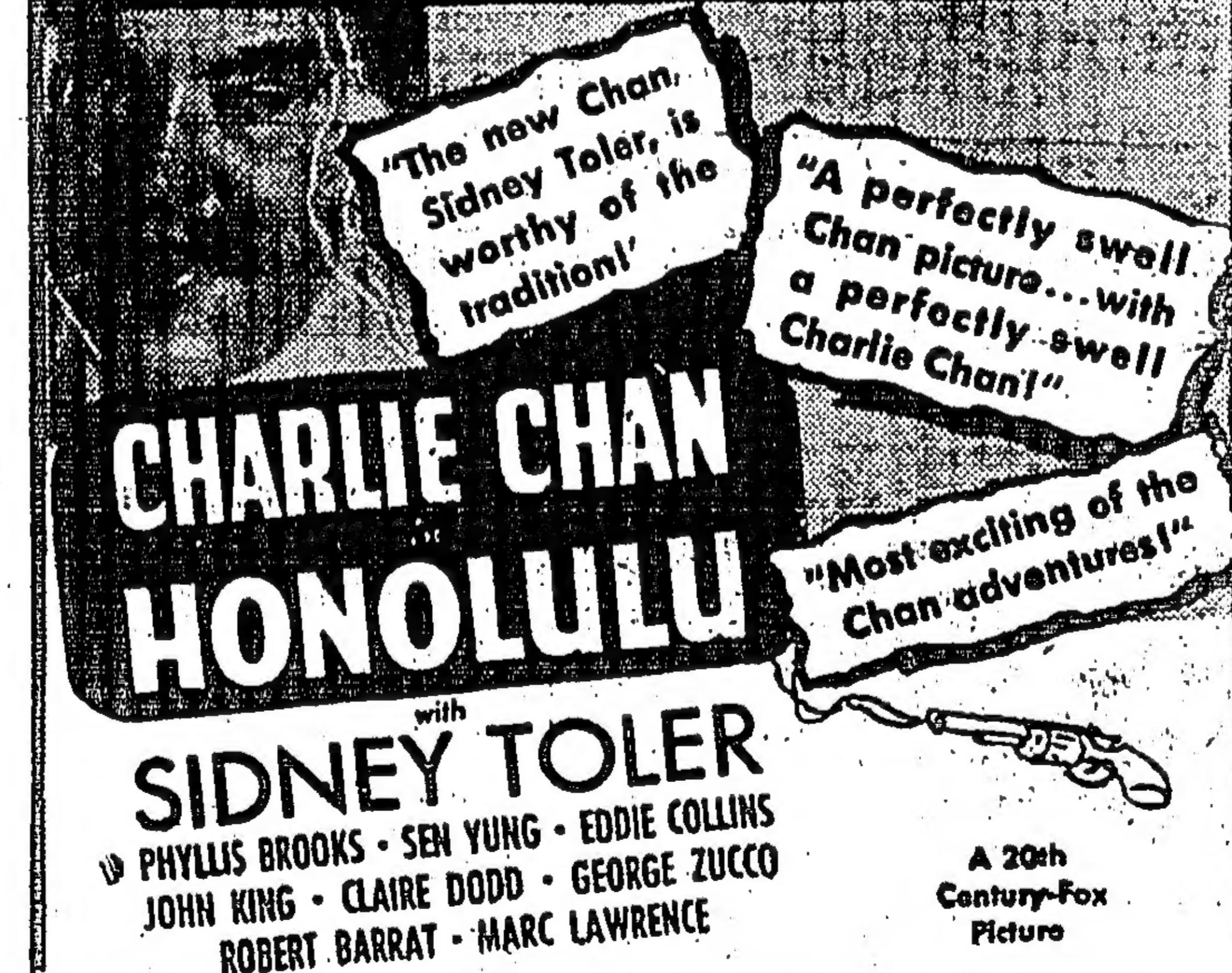
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BANK FAILURE HITS QUEEN WILHELMINA

TRADING FIRM 'INVOLVED TO TUNE OF £4,000,000'

Amsterdam, August 16.

The Dutch Royal Family, it became known to-day, are among those hit by the crash of Mendelssohn's Bank, whose head, fifty-three-year-old Fritz Mannheimer, died in France last week.

Queen Wilhelmina is one of the largest shareholders in the Dutch Trading Company, who are said to be involved to the extent of nearly £4,000,000.

The Mendelssohn collapse brought business on the Amsterdam Exchange to a standstill to-day. One group of Dutch bankers asked the Government to intervene with foreign Governments to prevent a rush of calls on their resources.

CRUISE PUT OFF

Dr. Colijn, ex-Premier of Holland and a close friend of Queen Wilhelmina, is another large shareholder in the Dutch Trading Company. He was in touch with the Finance Minister to-day, and is expected to postpone the world cruise on which he planned to leave next week.

Dutch bankers feel that, given time and Government support, they can straighten things out, but it is pointed out that the value of Mendelssohn's and Company's assets in foreign countries depends largely on the ups and downs of the international situation.

If affairs in Europe deteriorate, it is likely that the Mendelssohn crash will be followed by others.

"If the Government refuse their support," one banker said to me this evening, "and if the international situation grows worse, we may have a Kreuger affair in Holland."

SECRETS CHARGE AT EDINBURGH

A charge under the Official Secrets Act was brought at Edinburgh against James Davidson, alias Jack Chapman Stewart, believed to be a private in an Army unit. His address was given as Edinburgh Castle.

It was stated that the alleged offences were beyond the jurisdiction of the police court, and to allow time for inquiry it was necessary that a warrant should be granted to detain Davidson in custody. The magistrates granted an application for a remand.

Police and court officials are main-

OCEAN FLIGHTS TO SEE SICK WIVES

Two men, strangers to each other, have flown the Atlantic together on the same mission—to be at the bedside of their wives, who are seriously ill, one in Scotland and the other in Paris.

They are Mr. William Paton Moncrieff, a building contractor, of Rumson, New Jersey, and M. Edouard Cournard, a French business man.

They were among the 25 passengers who disembarked from the Pan-American Airways Yankee Clipper at Southampton on her arrival from the United States. She was several hours late, having been held up by bad weather in Newfoundland.

Mr. Moncrieff received a cable stating that his wife, who, with a seven-year-old daughter, is on a holiday visit to her mother, Mrs. S. Cameron, of Hepburn-street, Dundee, was seriously ill following an operation.

LAST-MINUTE SEAT

He was able to secure a seat in the Clipper five minutes before she took off from Port Washington. He left Southampton for London by train to charter a plane at Croydon for Dundee.

M. Cournard flew from Southampton to Paris. He intends to take his wife to New York for specialist treatment. He will join the Queen Mary with her at Cherbourg.

Two other passengers, Mr. H. L. Stuart, a Chicago investment banker, and his sister, Miss Harriet Stuart, are the first passengers to make the round trip on the Transatlantic service. They will leave again in the Clipper.

taining the utmost reticence regarding the arrest. It is understood that a C.I.D. officer visited the headquarters of the Scottish Command in Edinburgh, where he consulted Army officials.



Alluring Patricia Morison, as the lady who builds a petty crook into a national terror, takes the rap from J. Edgar Hoover in his new crime drama, "Persons in Hiding." Her partner in the picture, which opens to-morrow at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, is J. Carroll Naish.

GERMANY AND PREMIER'S SPEECH

POSTPONEMENT OF DANZIG SOLUTION WILL INCREASE IMPATIENCE: NO CHANGE

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon has been received calmly in German official quarters, and it is not considered that it contains "any new points."

On two things, according to a political commentator, Germany agrees readily enough with Mr. Chamberlain, the need for discretion and the urgency of the issues.

A German spokesman told Reuter: "Things are still in the balance and have not lost anything in acuteness."

"All that has happened is that there is a postponement, but the longer it lasts the more will impatience be manifested."

"An attempt to procrastinate would lead to disastrous results."

DANZIG CLASH

In the latest incident in Danzig, six men were killed.

The clash occurred when a number of Hitler S.S. Black Guards, being conveyed by motor lorry, were fired on by men of the non-Nazi minority.

Three men were killed on each side in the subsequent street battle.

It is a curious fact that while the majority of international train services to Germany have been cancelled, the train service across the Polish Corridor between the Reich and East Prussia is being maintained, an indication of Poland's desire to avoid charges of provocation.

Warsaw reports state that military supplies are passing to East Prussia by these trains.

ATROCITY TALES

Meanwhile, the allegations of Polish atrocities on the Germans again furnishes the principal item featured in the German press.

The comments are increasing in bitterness, and are all to the effect that the situation is becoming unbearable.—Reuter

FIRST DRIVE— HIT 35 SHEEP

Mary Dolan, nineteen-year-old barmaid, of Low Escombe, Bishop Auckland, who has never had a driving licence, took away a car and on her first drive knocked down thirty-five sheep and crashed into a wall.

At Otley (Yorks) Police Court she admitted taking a car without the owner's consent, driving dangerously, and not having a driving licence and insurance certificate.

It was stated she had been employed at a Rawdon hotel. The car was left outside the house of a girl friend of Dolan's, and the two girls took it.

Dolan collapsed in court. Her father said she had had nothing to eat. He had been out of work nine years, and it had been a struggle to make the seventy-mile journey to court.

The magistrates made a collection and handed the father half a guinea, and the police officers gave 4s.

The case was dealt with under the First Offenders Act and the girl was ordered to pay £1 costs, as also was Violet Gilbert, of Rawdon, summoned for aiding and abetting.

FORGOTTEN POINTS

One sunny morning a hungry python, prowling through the Transvaal bush to seek his breakfast, encountered a party of young hedgehogs.

Within a short time had gulped down six of these dainty though prickly morsels.

While lying in the sun digesting this feast the python was surprised by native snake catchers and despatched forthwith to the Capetown Snake Park.

MYSTERY ILLNESS

Capetown snake expert Bertie Peers found the python in a bad way and ordered him to be placed in convalescence, carefully nursed him. His illness remained a complete mystery, however, and in a few days he was found dead.

According to the "Sunday Times," of Johannesburg, a post mortem was ordered. It revealed that death was due to the hedgehogs' quills. Though a meal of six hedgehogs was not gluttony on the python's part he was unable to digest the quills.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AT TA KU LING

A Chinese refugee-family in the New Territories was robbed early this morning by four highwaymen, armed with revolvers and daggers.

The incident occurred in Ping Yeung Village, Ta Ku Ling, New Territories. The robbers forced their entrance to the village house and after threatening the inmates, gagged and bound them.

The house was ransacked and some \$200 in money and articles were stolen.

SYNDICATE TO SMUGGLE ALIENS

Scotland Yard authorities have asked the French police to make investigations at a cafe in Boulogne where, it is believed, an agent working for an organisation with headquarters in the West End of London is assisting aliens and undesirables to enter Britain without permission.

The police have discovered that the organisation has agents in Antwerp, Amsterdam and a number of English ports. Charges for smuggling an alien in England vary from £10 to £200.

Travellers from England with weekend return tickets have been approached by the agent at Boulogne, who has offered big payments for the return halves of tickets. It is pointed out that if the sellers have passport, they had only to buy a single ticket to return to England by boat in the ordinary way.

AGENTS WITH MANY TICKETS

Special agents of the organisation have made frequent day trips to France to obtain these tickets.

Other agents who have travelled with day tickets to Boulogne have bought three or four extra tickets. Outward halves of these have been surrendered at various times during the voyage over. By this means the number of tickets issued on the outward journey has tallied when checked on the way back.

Scotland Yard has completed arrangements for dealing with aliens in time of war.

TRIAD SOCIETY CASE IN KOWLOON

Pleading not guilty to being a member of a triad Society, Lau Chu, 24, was this morning remanded by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

Inspector A. E. Carey said accused was arrested on Monday in the Yau-mati district. Books were found on him had led to the charge that he was a member of a Triad Society.

Bail of \$500 was allowed.



Nurses of the River Emergency Service, wearing their smart new uniforms—Smart, too, on the job—are the wearers. Photo shows Mr. Walter Elliot having a chat to some of the smart R.E.S. girls during their demonstration on the Thames on August 18.

MORGENTHAU SENT FOR BY ROOSEVELT

Bergeron, To-day. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, has cut short his holiday and has embarked for home. He is travelling in an American coastguard vessel which was sent specially by President Roosevelt to fetch him.—Reuter.

AFTER ALL, MR. FORD IS MR. FORD

New York, To-day.

Mr. Henry Ford, in an interview given at South Sudbury, Massachusetts, declared his belief that all war threats in Europe were bluff, because, in reality, nobody dared to go to war.

Mr. Ford welcomed the decision of U.S.A. to remain neutral, adding that it was not in slightest necessary to help other countries out of a crisis which was solely due to financiers.

Mr. Ford repeated his old theory that the best way out of all present difficulties would be a return of populations to rural districts.—Trans-Ocean.

WAYS TO BEAT BOMBER

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, speaking in London said: "There are many limitations of the air weapon, and science and invention may well provide us with means of defeating the bomber—perhaps sooner than many of us realise to-day."

Sir Kingsley, who was addressing the dinner of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers at Grosvenor House, said that whether we liked it or not we were living in an aeroplane age.

"We are just at the beginning of air travel and it is becoming more and more one of the important factors in our social and economic life," Sir Kingsley added.

THE POPE HONOURS MGR. BROWN

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor C. E. Brown, Deputy Administrator at Westminster Cathedral, has been raised to the dignity of a Domestic Prelate to the Pope.

Cardinal Hinsley, at Archbishop's House presented the Papal brief, conferring the dignity, and a cheque for £300 subscribed by friends.

Monsignor Brown was chosen by Cardinal Vaughan for service at Westminster 37 years ago.

"The poor around him in this neighbourhood," said Canon Howlett, "look to him as their real friend. Several who have enjoyed his Majesty's hospitality for a long period, immediately on regaining their liberties, have made a bee-line for Monsignor Brown."

Cardinal Hinsley warned Monsignor Brown that the £300 was not intended for the "pocket with a hole in it" which he dedicated to the assistance of ex-prisoners and the poor, but to meet his own heavy outlays for his new dignity.

MODERN AIR WARFARE

"The German air weapon is the strongest in the world" said Field Marshal Goering on "German Air Force Day." Was he speaking as a politician or as a soldier? Should these words be regarded as mere propaganda or as the dispassionate statement of a fact generally accepted and admitted?

In France and England, there has been a tendency to exaggerate the value of the German air fleet. This has led to sharp criticism in certain quarters with regard to the air armament of these two countries. Is such criticism founded? Is it true that the German fleet is really the strongest and the best in the world and years in advance of the British and the French?

During thirty months of modern air war in Spain, the German air force, which had far more prototypes in the Peninsula than the Italians, recorded a considerable number of failures. 65% of all German prototypes sent to Spain failed altogether and had either

FEATS OF GERMAN AND ITALIAN PLANES IN SPAIN

to be withdrawn completely from the front or to be used in quieter parts of the line for less exposed reconnoitring services. Only 12% of the German types came up to the requirement imposed upon a modern military plane in modern air warfare. 23% of the German types proved mediocre in quality, i.e. only utilizable in the second line under the protection of better machines or on quieter fronts where they were not likely to be exposed to counter-attacks from first-class enemy planes.

Even if one excludes a series of older German types sent to the Peninsula during the first months of the war, of which the German General Staff itself did not expect anything in the way of success, it must be said that the experience gained with the numerous modern German machines in the field is extremely unsatisfactory. If one compares the thirteen most recent German types with the eleven best Italian types, it is quite clear that in quality the Italian aviation far outweighs the German. For whereas only two of the thirteen German types

come up to requirements, five of the Italian types can be utilized in the first line. It is true that the Germans, with their five second-class types, outnumber the Italians with their two machines of a medium category; but their proportion of unusable machines—six—if compared with the four Italian types which proved absolutely unsuitable, is far greater. From reliable material gathered by the various Intelligence Services during the war and now published for the first time, it is clear that 45% of the Italian planes and only 15% of the German are first class and that 45% of the German and 35% of the Italian types must be considered as unusable.

First Class Medium Unusable

	Germany	Italy
(about)	15%	45%
"	45%	15%

"CASTLES IN SPAIN"

"Our future is on the high seas" declared the Ex-Emperor William II, when persuaded by Admiral von Tirpitz at the beginning of the century that the German submarine fleet would give Germany the victory in a world war within the short space of a few weeks. To-day General Goering, in no less emphatic terms, proclaims to an equally menaced world that "the German future is in the air". Tirpitz's submarines are now Goering's bombing planes.

With the help of a modern offensive air fleet in a "lightning" campaign of destruction, it is proposed to wipe out the enemy before he can begin to mobilise his war potential. A mass attack of heavy bombing planes is to be launched against the first troop concentrations of the enemy, to prevent the use of such forces and to reduce their fighting value to a minimum, while fast bombers carry out surprise attacks upon junctions, centres of mobilisation, industrial regions, etc., in order to disorganise the war mechanism of the enemy, the failure of which would cost him the first defensive positions on the front. In a so-called "total war"—in which the enemy rear is just as much a military objective as the front, the fate of war being decided in the former rather than the latter—heavy bombers with three engines and fast two-engine planes, which suddenly over the enemy territory and carry out their action, are therefore indispensable weapons.

Does Germany possess this first class bombing material that would enable her to wage a "total war" in the near future?

FIRST EXPERIMENTS IN SPAIN

As long as the Spanish air war was virtually unilateral, even the most obsolete bombing plane was regarded as a terrible weapon with enormous possibilities of destruction. As in Abyssinia, it was thought that the war would be decided in the air. The absence of even the most primitive means of defence against air raids on the Republican side enabled any type of German bomber to dominate the situation.

The modern air war began on November 11th, 1936 in the fourth month of the war. On that sunny winter day, the inhabitants of Madrid watched from streets, balconies and roofs the first sharp air battle of the Spanish war. Bombers crashed, pursuers fell in flames, black smoke clouds darkened the gardens round the capital. The heavy thumping of dozens of three-engine bombers vied with the machine-gun rattle of the fighting pursuers; parachutes were opened; the first victims of the Spanish air war swayed to the ground. The selection had begun.

Of twelve types of German bombing planes, three obsolete Junkers types and one Gotha machine proved unusable and were later completely withdrawn from Spain. Three further types (Focke-Wulf FW 50 A, Dornier DO 18 and Henschel HS 122), whose top speed did not exceed 235 km. per hour had also been withdrawn to quieter and unexposed parts of the front, where they were utilised for scouting services and occasional attacks upon undefended objectives. 60% of the German bombing types had therefore failed at the very first test.

Then came the experimental period. Recognised defects are more useful than presumed, unproved qualities. The Spanish sky thus became the laboratory of modern air warfare.

GOOD AVERAGE MATERIAL

When on May 1st, 1938, the German Chancellor conferred the German "Nobel Prize" on two wellknown airplane constructors, the name of Junkers was not mentioned. His competitors, Heinkel and Messerschmidt, were more successful. For, in the Spanish war, Junkers' bombers had merely achieved a good average.

Up to the conquest of the northern Spanish provinces by General Franco's troops, 80 Junkers bombing planes Type JU 52 were shot down by the

Mr. W. H. Rings-Kell, was correspondent in Spain during the whole of the civil war. He was perhaps the only journalist in a position to study the material collected by the military Intelligence Services with regard to the first modern air war.

This is the first time that this information, hitherto secret, has been published. Five further articles in this series will be published from to-morrow.

very inferior Republican air force on the Basque and Asturian fronts alone. Type JU 86, which was regarded as an improvement on the somewhat obsolete JU 52, already achieved better results. The top speed was increased from 340 to 373 km. per hour and the cruising speed from 310 to 358. But even this machine which, like all modern types, has collapsible landing wheels, gradually disappeared from the Spanish front and had to be utilised for scouting services, for, with the increasing modernisation of the Spanish air war, it was impossible to affect other than first class types to the first line.

The heavy three-engine Junkers bomber JU 52/3 m—a flying monster of highly developed destructive capacity—is perhaps the only Junkers machine that can be used on the front (strongly protected). It has, however, been seen in Spain that this machine, with its low speed (cruising speed: 260 km. per hour), its inadequate defensive armament (only two machine guns) and its limited range of action (880 to 915 km.) can only be operated if convoyed by a detachment of first class pursuers and thus cannot be utilised for the more distant parts of the enemy rear. This for the partisans of the total war theory is a serious defect and explains why this type also received no prize.

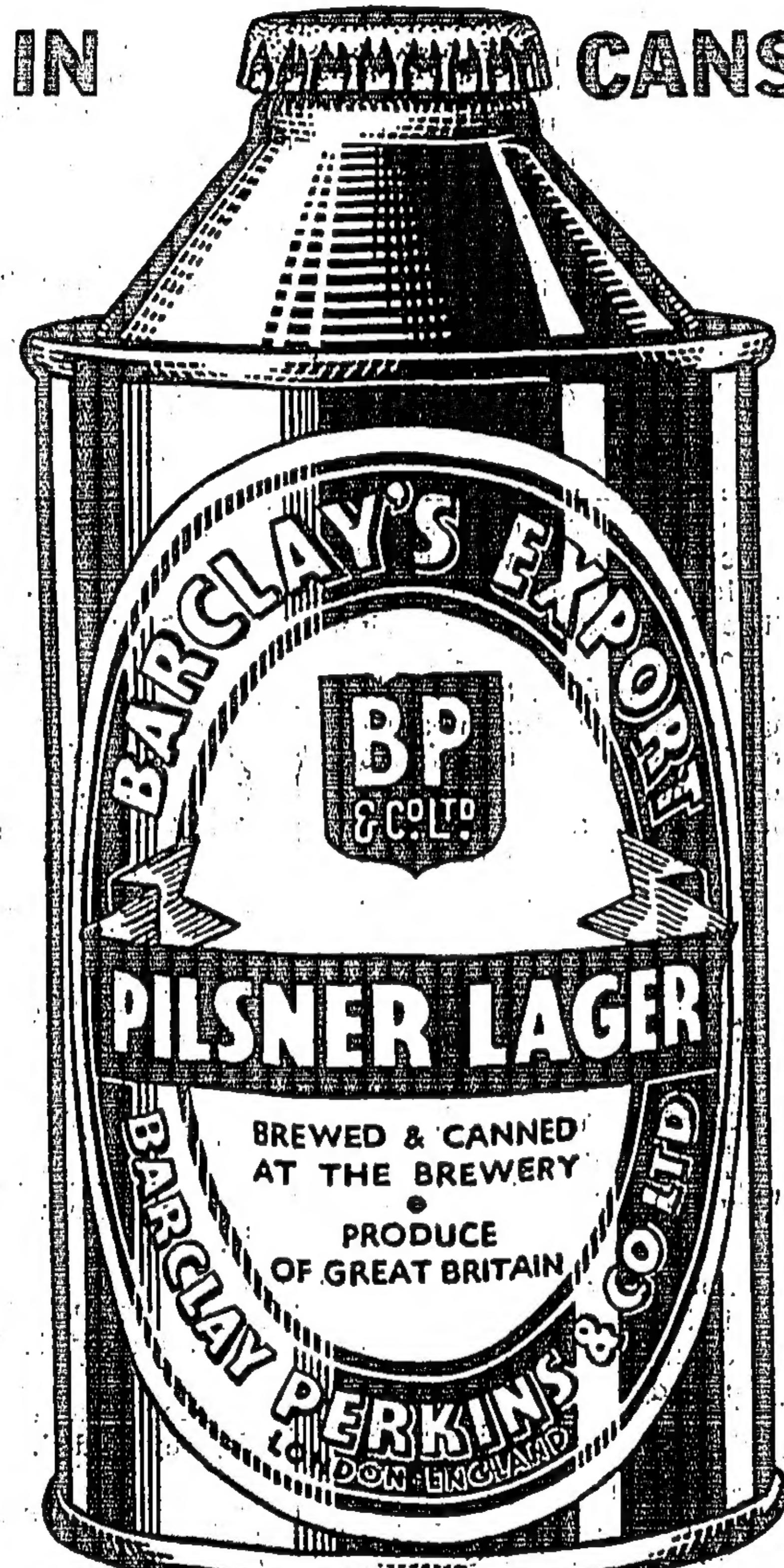
The more successful airplane constructor, Heinkel, had, it is true, a setback with his one-engine scouting and bombing plane HE 70 in Spain—with a top speed 335 km. per hour and absolutely inadequate defensive equipment, one could not advise one's worst enemy to approach a modern pursuer in a HE 70—but at any rate, Heinkel only supplied one of the eleven German bombing types that had to be rejected or to be classified as "good average material".

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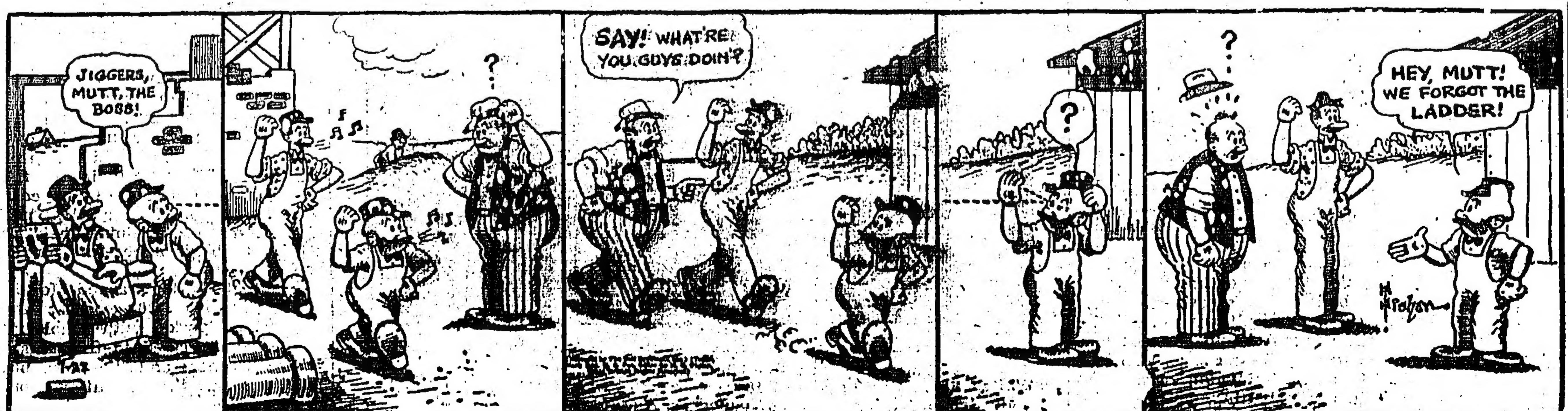


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SLOVAKIA UNDER GERMAN CONTROL

Bratislava, To-day.

Government orders, necessitated by the entry of German troops into Slovakia, were announced by posters and over the radio.

The Slovak authorities and courts, it is stated, will continue to function, but persons who commit offenses against the security and prestige of German army, or who violate any military order issued by the German military authorities, will be brought before German Court Martial, regardless of nationality, and will be subjected to the provisions of German law.

It is further stipulated that German troops in Slovakia are entitled to obtain quarters, provisions, fodder, conveyances, horses, petrol, etc., from the population through the mediation of Slovak authorities.

These will be paid for in Slovak or German currency, the rate being established at one to ten.—Trans-Ocean.

FLAT USED AS WORKSHOP

The manager of the Kwong Lung Tai Shirt Company was summoned, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for unlawfully using No. 17, Lower Lascar Row, second floor, as a workshop; and, with allowing 22 women to be employed at 10.05 p.m. on August 11.

Mr. D. W. Phillips, assistant Inspector of Factories and Workshops, said that the premises were too small to be used as a workshop, and there was not sufficient space for 20 persons.

Defendant was fined \$40.

THE TYPHOON

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone is stationary over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

The typhoon is situated about 50 miles to the north-east of Shanghai, moving north-north-west.



Here are German and Italian leaders at the signing of the Axis Military Alliance. Whether it will stand the strain of the present crisis is still regarded as an open question in many quarters.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT the new Japanese Cabinet has not been completed, owing to the refusal of several personalities to join it.

Both General Tada and General Isogai desire to retain their present posts as army group commander and Chief of the General Staff of the Kwantung Army respectively.

General Hata, former Commander-in-Chief in Central China, who was then offered the post of War Minister, has not yet made known his decision.

It is announced that the new Premier, General Abe, will only provisionally take over the duties of Foreign Minister. It is expected that this post will later be offered, either to the Ambassador in London, Mr. Shigemitsu, or to the Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Togo.—Trans-Ocean.

THE POSSIBLE LIST

Tokyo, To-day. An official list of the members of the new Japanese Cabinet will probably be announced to-day, it is reported.

It is believed that the Government will be composed of General N. Abe, Premier, Foreign Minister and Minister of Interior; N. Ohara, Finance Minister; K. Aoki, War Minister; S. Kata, Marine Minister; T. Miyagi, Minister of Education; Vice-Admiral Z. Yoshida, Minister of Justice; Kawarada, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture; Vice-Admiral T. Godo, Minister of Transportation; R. Nagai, Minister of Overseas Trade and Railways. — Trans-Ocean.

NEUTRALITY ASSURANCE

Copenhagen, To-day. That the Danish Government has received an assurance from the Reich Government, regarding German respect for Danish neutrality in event of war, was confirmed yesterday by the Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. P. R. Munch.

Similar declarations by the Reich Government were received by Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg.—Trans-Ocean.

Tokyo, To-day.

The Ching Kee S. N. Co.'s s.s. Mao Lee, 1,962 tons gross, has been requisitioned for naval purposes and is now lying at the Dockyard Wharf.

Known to the Hong Kong public as one of the vessels involved in the 1937 September typhoon, the Mao Lee was built at Kiel (Howaldtswerke) in 1911; she has a net tonnage of 1,209 tons and is 271 feet long.

PROTECTION OF WARDS

A fine of \$10 was imposed on a 27-year-old woman, Leung Wai-hing, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest to-day, for failing to notify the change of address of a ward, Ah Ha Marcofsky, 3.

Mr. H. W. Fraser said a lady inspector visited the original address, No. 207, Wanchai Road, to interview the child and found defendant had moved. Defendant was found in an unnumbered hut near the Ng Tung Temple, Shaukiwan. The girl was well-treated.

Another woman Chan Mung-heong, was fined \$2 for a similar offence.

BRIGHTON & PORT VALE IN GOALLESS DRAW

On Saturday, in the Third Division (South) of the English League, Brighton drew with Port Vale, neither side scoring. — Reuter.

Muller Singh, of No. 296, Portland Street, has reported the theft of \$200 from his house, some time last night.

GET HER!

...She's the
girl behind
the killer be-
hind the gun!

FRENCH DEFENCE DISCUSSION

Paris, To-day.

The Chief of French General Staff, General Gamelin, was received by the Prime Minister, M. Eduard Daladier, yesterday morning.—Trans-Ocean.

Lt. J. M. Tomlinson, of the Kumaon Rifles, has reported that between 11 and 12.30 p.m. yesterday, some person stole silverware to the value of \$34 from his residence, "Stockville."

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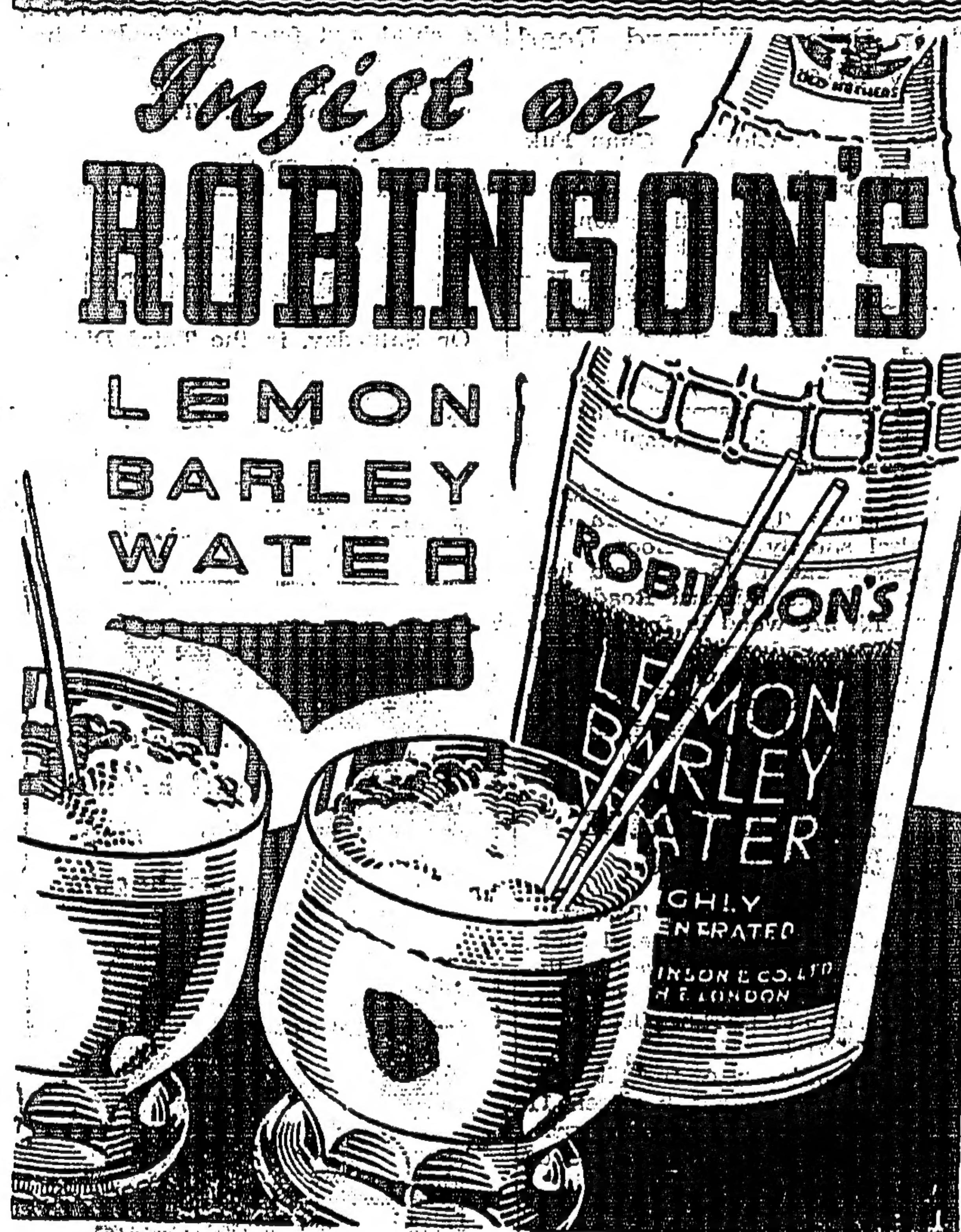
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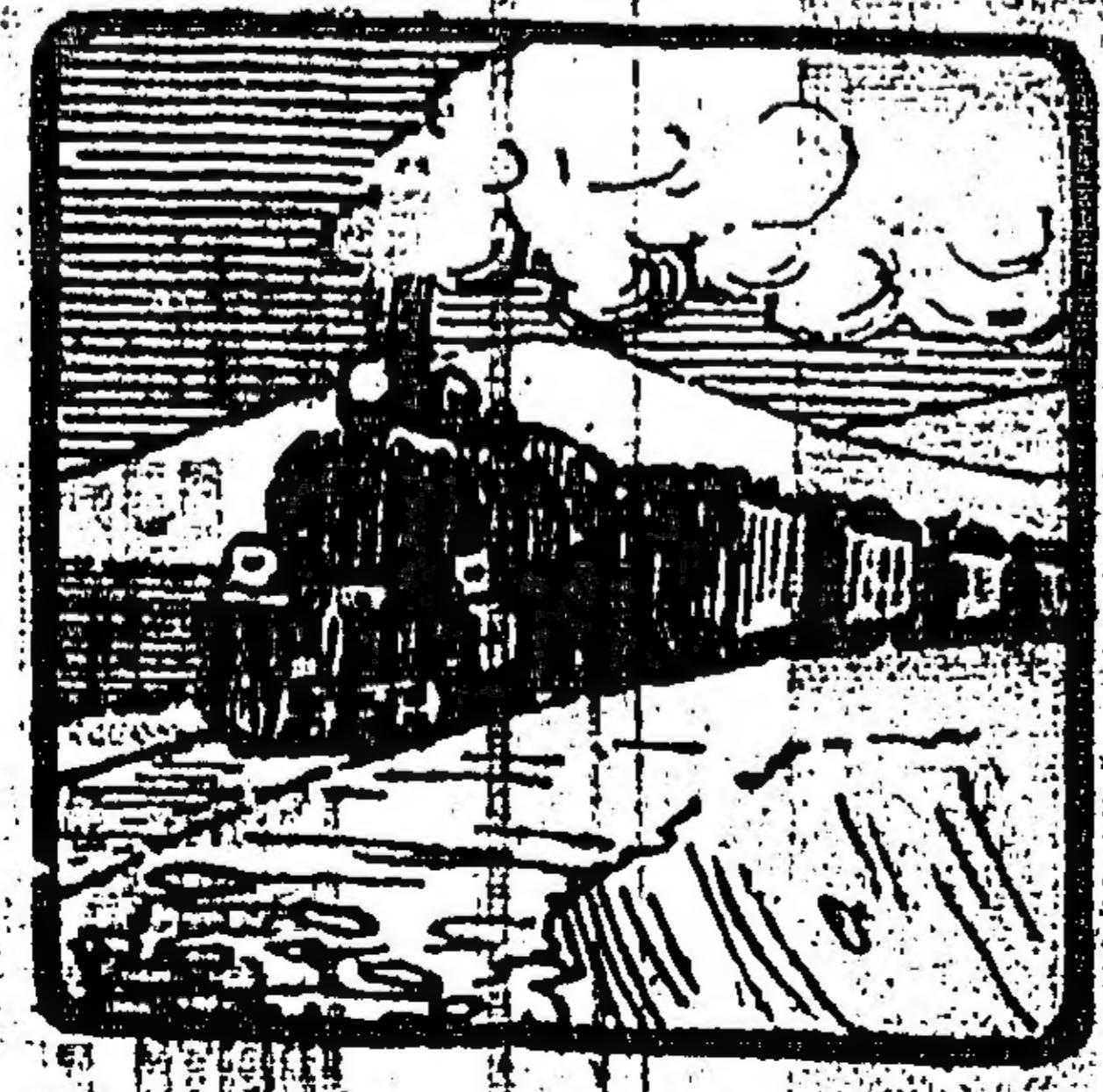
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HITLER'S NEXT MOVE

Though world attention may be fixed for the moment on the north-east of Europe, it would be unwise to ignore the possibility of trouble round Hungary. If Herr Hitler wanted to make a putsch through Hungary, thus threatening Poland from a new angle, and also Rumania, it is very possible that he would be resisted by the full force of Hungarian arms. But Hungary alone cannot stand up to the German Reich.

The position of the democracies on this point has not been made clear. It is reported that Count Teleki saw the British Minister in Budapest, and this subject may have been broached. It would seem that it would be as well for a policy to be outlined on this matter. Budapest is not Prague—but history has been known to repeat itself.—“Great Britain and The East.”

Moscow was from the very beginning out for a hundred per cent. military alliance to make bedfellows of British feudalism and Moscow Bolshevism.—“Hamburger Fremdenblatt.”

THE YUGOSLAV “SUDETEN”

One minor victory has been scored by the Nazis in Yugoslavia. German Nazi organisations in the country have elected their own local Führer, whose object it will be to organise and control the life of the German minorities in Yugoslavia, and to supply Berlin with regular detailed reports on their activities. By organising the German minorities, Berlin hopes to hold over the head of Belgrade the constant threat of creating another “Sudeten Problem.”—“Argus,” Bucharest.

AUGUST, 1914, AND AUGUST, 1939

After twenty-five years the world stands again on the brink of the precipice over which it hurled itself in 1914. Hitherto, the world has not engaged in bouts of war on the scale of the Great War at intervals of less than a hundred years length each. Our plight is more serious because, at the moment when war on the grand scale is threatening us with appalling frequency, it is, at the same time, showing an equally striking extension both in areas and in incidence.

The moral of all this is inescapable. Now that war has come to be what it is to-day, it is incompatible with civilisation as we know it. One of the two is bound shortly to be eliminated.—“The Economist.”

GERMAN MOBILISATION NEAR ITS PEAK

By the third week in August Germany will have nearly two million men—approximately the limit of her present resources—under arms. The crescendo of the newspaper ‘hatred’ aimed at Poland and the Democracies suggests strongly that the war of nerves is to reach its climax at the end of the month.

If Hitler can devise a formula, he will try to get Mr. Chamberlain to persuade Colonel Beck that changes in the status of the Free City would not constitute a threat to Poland, and the virtual incorporation of Danzig in the Reich could be arranged by a twist.—“Comment.”

THE WAR OF NERVES

Both British and Polish spokesmen have rightly declared at all times for an agreement on Danzig if an agreement can be reached on any reasonable basis.

Unfortunately, there is little reason for supposing that Herr Hitler is in the mood for discussion. He prefers the more spectacular method of ultimatum, and either his Tannenberg speech on the 27th or the Nuremberg speech on September 3rd may provide the occasion for it.

Danzig is less quiet. A new fury in the German press and German troops are concentrating near the Polish frontier. Two million troops will be under arms in Germany by August 15, and this mobilisation is more secret than the one of last September.

The tension of the week-end owed everything to the Danzig Senate. It had demanded the

FACTOR FOR PEACE

Factors for peace include the certainty that Italy does not want war, and that the Vatican is feverishly active, possibly with Mussolini's blessing. The danger lies in the limited time to reach a settlement before the weather prevents the hurricane campaign which Hitler is undoubtedly contemplating in the event of war.—Sir Henry Gullett, Australia's Defence Minister.

The choice between peace and war removal of a number of Polish Customs with him, and his knowledge of tons officials and there were threats our own growing strength, which we of opening the frontier with East have rightly refused to dissipate in Prussia. It is understood that Poland face of the provocations in China, may give an extremely firm reply to these turn the scale against war. If not we requests, the customs officials would must await whatever comes.—“The not be withdrawn and any opening of the frontier would have the gravest consequences.”—“Comment.”

WILL IT BE WAR

There are two paths along which the people of this country can advance. In spite of the so-called international tension the British people are showing a firm determination to force concessions from the ruling class.

Still more important is the fight to whose opinions are listened to, think preserve peace. The lie that it all depends on one man—Hitler has got to be exploded. It depends on the opinion is correct—and it would of British people most of all. In their course be denied by many well-informed and objective military experts. Munich will be perpetrated.—“Labour Monthly.”

The Kremlin is determining and inspiring the course of events. London hoped to be able to enlist Moscow for the encirclement policy western defences.—“Manchester Guar-

GERMAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS

The German political leaders do not appear to think that a German-Polish war would be the beginning of a general conflict. The German military men are not so sure. But the military leaders, or at least those

the Western Powers would be deprived of their only serious eastern ally before they themselves could—according to this German calculation make any impression on Germany's without the least military risk, but than.”

AN OFFER OF MEDIATION

An offer to use their good offices with a view to solving the crisis has been made by Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold, according to the Havas Agency, which adds that the Belgian Prime Minister summoned the French Ambassador on Monday night and informed him of the offer, which, it is understood, was also made to the British, German, Italian and Polish Government.

The French Government is ready to reply favourably, it is understood.—Reuter.

BRITISH PROPOSALS TO BERLIN CONDEMNED BY THE ITALIAN PRESS: "CHILDISH"

Rome, To-day.

THE ITALIAN PRESS is backing up Germany manfully in the press campaign, and it is declared here that anxiety about the issue of peace or war remains unchanged after Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

The "Popolo di Roma," which professes to have information from the Foreign Office, says that Britain's note to Germany requested partial German and Polish demobilisation, followed by a delay of some months to cool the atmosphere, then a final conference.

It adds: If the Note is based on these childish statements, there are few hopes of saving Europe."

"TRIBUNA" TALE

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, yesterday received the British Ambassador, Sir Percy Loraine, at the Palazzo Chigi for half an hour.

The London correspondent of the newspaper "Tribuna" makes the strange assertion that Warsaw is willing to return Danzig to Germany "if sufficient guarantees are given for the maintenance of Poland's economic facilities in Danzig port." — Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN PAPERS RESTRICTED

Rome, To-day.

All Italian newspapers are to be limited in size after September 1, it is announced. They will not be permitted to exceed six pages.—Trans-Ocean.

POPE'S DECISION

Milan, To-day.

The Vatican correspondent of the newspaper "Stampa" says that should the international situation worsen, the Pope would immediately leave his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo and return to the Vatican.—Trans-Ocean.

LOYAL MESSAGES

Simla, To-day.

Loyal messages have been received by the Viceroy from Indian rulers offering their services to the King-Emperor, including the rulers of Jodhpur, Kolhapur, Bahawalpur, Sitamau and Lunvada. — Reuter.

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MR. W. W. HIRST KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Mr. W. W. Hirst, manager of the Steam Laundry Company, was killed last night when his car crashed some 100 feet over the hillside near the Shing Mun Reservoir.

The accident occurred shortly after nine o'clock.

Mr. Hirst drove up Shing Mun Road but was forced to stop near the reservoir as the road was blocked to traffic.

When backing the car, a Morris saloon, in an attempt to turn round, the vehicle slipped over the side of the road backwards and went crashing down the hillside.

Mr. Hirst was thrown out of the car as it somersaulted through the air in its crash to the valley below.

Death is believed to have been instantaneous.

The funeral will take place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

SHANGHAI SHORTAGE OF RICE

Chungking, To-day.

Replying to a telegraphic petition submitted jointly by Mr. Yu Yaching, Mr. Li Ming and other financial leaders in Shanghai, Dr. H. H. Kung, has authorised exchange for £10,000 for purchasing rice from Saigon to relieve the acute shortage in Shanghai. — Central News.

ADVISED TO LEAVE

Budapest, To-day.

Americans in Budapest have been advised by the American Legation to leave immediately.—Reuter.

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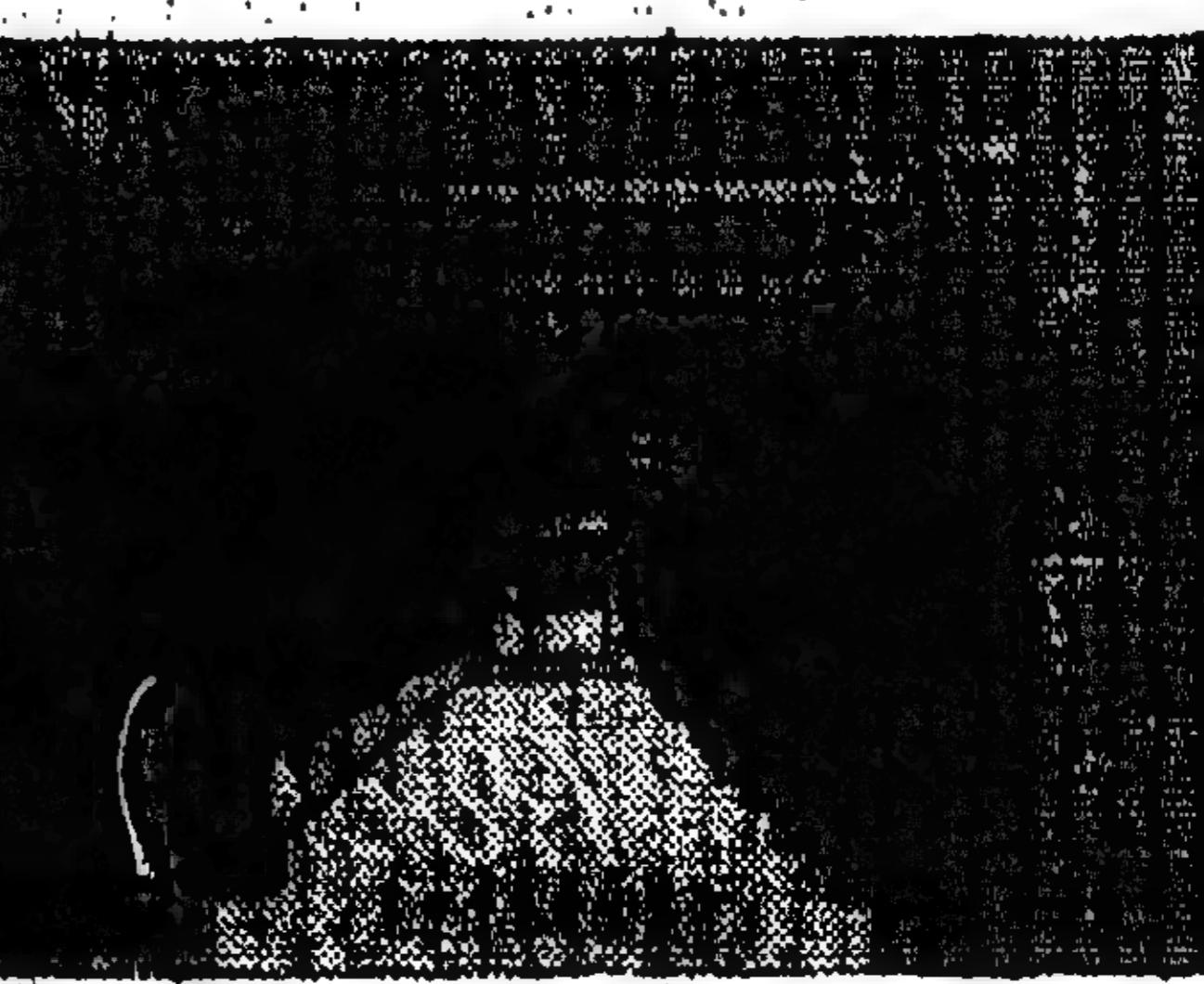


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SOVIET LENDS MYSTERY BRINGING PRESSURE ON GERMANY: WHAT RIBBENTROP IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID

AMERICAN DETENTION OF BREMEN

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt stated yesterday that the detention of the Bremen and other vessels in American ports for inspection by the Federal authorities was to determine whether they could be armed for defensive purposes.

President Roosevelt said that such inspection was being made of ships of all nations, and was intended to guard against the potential liability of the United States in the event of their being armed.—Reuter.

17 DETAINED

New York, To-day. Customs searchers inspected the holds and bunkers of the German trans-Atlantic liner Bremen, looking for unmanifested cargo and ship's stores and examining the crew and passengers.

Officials sent to Ellis Island 17 aliens who were detained on board the Bremen overnight because their papers were not satisfactory.—Reuter.

HARWICH- HOOK SERVICES RESUME

Rotterdam, To-day. The mail and passenger service between Harwich and the Hook of Holland which was suspended on Monday, was re-opened last evening, according to an announcement by the management of the Dutch Railways, which adds that all trains connecting with steamers will continue to run.—Trans-Ocean.

POLAND ON HITLER'S LETTER

Warsaw, To-day. A Polish spokesman, referring to Herr Hitler's letter to M. Daladier, declares that it shows that Hitler does not want Danzig, or a settlement of the Danzig question, but the partition of Poland.

The letter will remain an historic document, proving who was the aggressor.—Reuter.

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Moscow, To-day. **THE FACT THAT 200 MEN of the Red Army are reported to be leaving Leningrad to-morrow for a three months' tour of the United States, suggests that the Soviet Government does not expect war to break out in the immediate future.**

Competent circles here believe that Herr von Ribbentrop, when he was negotiating his non-aggression pact, assured Stalin that despite Germany's war preparations, Hitler would, at the last moment, accept a peaceful solution of the German-Polish dispute.

POLAND'S PROTEST TO SLOVAKIA

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland has protested to Slovakia against the appeal made to Slovaks to collaborate with German troops that entered their country in the struggle against "the common enemy."

An official communique states:

"The time chosen by Slovakia to describe Poland as an enemy proves that the Slovak Government, under the influence of a foreign country, has no control over its own affairs."

The Polish Government is understood to have decided to call

more classes to the colours, considering that the action of German troops in Slovakia so close to Poland's southern frontier endangers the country's security.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF ROME APPOINTED

Rome, To-day.

Prince Gian Giacomo Borghese has been nominated Governor of Rome as successor to the late Prince Colonna.

Prince Borghese, born in 1881, worked for some time as a miner in a Luxembourg mine; he later became an engineer with the Marconi Company and served in the Great War as a flying officer.

He is the father of nine children. He is considered an extremely experienced administration expert and stands in high favour with the Fascist regime.—Trans-Ocean.

This interpretation of the Soviet Government's estimate of the situation conflicts, somewhat, with other reports from Moscow, the most interesting of which indicate that Moscow is hesitating over ratification of the non-aggression pact and is despatching troops to its Western frontier.

It is suggested by Reuter's Moscow correspondent that the Soviet Parliament will not ratify the German Pact this month, adding that it is believed in competent circles that the delay as regards ratification is a deliberate attempt to restrain Herr Hitler until a peaceful Danzig settlement has been worked out.

BORDER DEFENCE

Furthermore, the Tass Agency quotes authoritative sources as stating that in view of the aggravation of the Eastern part of Europe and the possibility of "all kinds of surprises," the Soviet Command has decided to increase the strength of its garrisons on the Western frontiers.—Reuter.

TASS STATEMENT

Moscow, To-day. An official denial has been issued that Soviet troops have been withdrawn from the western border to reinforce the Red Army in the east.

Previous reports had said that 230,000 had been withdrawn from the western border.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, says it is empowered to deny these allegations.

It says that in view of the present serious situation the Soviet has decided to increase the western defences "in order to be prepared against possible surprises."—Trans-Ocean.

IL DUCE REMAINS SILENT

Rome, To-day. In response to the shouts of a crowd which gathered in the Piazza Venezia last evening, the Duce appeared on the balcony and greeted them with Fascist Salute, but did not say a single word.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN SHIP NOT YET LEAVING SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day. The sailing from Shanghai of the Italian liner Giulio Cesare, 21,900 tons, scheduled for to-morrow, has been postponed indefinitely, according to an announcement by the local agents of Lloyd Triestino.—Reuter.

HEAVY PENALTIES

Berlin, To-day. Orders have been issued imposing heavy penalties for infringements of the rationing requirements.—Reuter.



What did von Ribbentrop (above) tell Stalin?

FOREIGNERS OFFER AID TO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Foreigners of every nationality are rushing to enrol under the French colours for the defence of France, just as they did in the Great War.

Steps are now on foot to form an American division, and it is claimed that 10,000 Americans have already signified their intention of joining up.

Polish Jews who fought in the war have declared their intention of fighting for France.

The Hungarian Association of Friends of France claims that the majority of its members have already volunteered for the defence of France.

Hundreds of Italians living in France have also volunteered for the duration.—Reuter.

COMPLETE ACCORD WITH TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day. "Complete understanding" resulted from the talks on defensive plans which the Turkish military mission had in London and Paris, declared General Orbay, leader of the mission, on its return to Ankara yesterday.

It is reported that Dr. Rushdi Aras, Turkish Ambassador in London, left for London last night.—Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMERS ORDERED HOME

Riga, To-day. All British steamers at present in Latvian ports have received orders to make immediate sailings for England.

One of the steamers, loading unfinished, left hurriedly with holds half full.

All steamers on their way to Latvia have been instructed to return by the shortest route.—Trans-Ocean.

RESPECT FOR NEUTRALITY

Berlin, To-day. Dr. Weizsäcker, the chief Secretary of State in the German Foreign Office, has assured the Danish and Lithuanian Ministers that Germany will respect the neutrality of their countries.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

MAROONS FOR THE BAILIFFS

Mortgage strikers on the new housing estates round London are to be supplied with maroons to warn them of the approach of bailiffs.

The Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations expect large-scale attempts by the building societies to get possession of houses where occupiers are on strike.

So it is going to hand out the maroons to its affiliated bodies to give the alarm to strikers when necessary.

Fakir Of Ipi

Loses Henchman

Mushki Alankhan, notorious for his anti-British activities in North Waziristan, and right-hand man of the Fakir of Ipi, was shot dead when his gang raided Nizambazar, a village near Bannu, North-West Frontier.

A King Plays For Golf Title

King Leopold of the Belgians became the first reigning monarch ever to play for an open national golf title when he took part in the Belgian amateur championship at Le Zoute and qualified for the match-play stages with a round of 81.

He played strictly incognito. None of the club officials would even admit that he was competing. He wore a black pullover but no hat.

Major Rossi, the French airman, who left Istres aerodrome, near Marseilles, on an attempt to beat the world's long-distance air record for a closed circuit, made a forced landing at Cagliari, capital of Sardinia.

PREMIER GETS £25,000 SHARES LEGACY

THE PREMIER HAS had a "windfall" worth more than £25,000.

He has been left shares representing this sum, according to present quotation, in the firm of Partridge, Jones and John Paton Ltd., the Newport (Mon.) colliery proprietors, steel sheet and tinplate manufacturers.

M.P. Appeals To Premier

Sir Richard Acland, M.P. for Barnstaple has presented at 10, Downing-street, further petitions to the Prime Minister, organised by Liberal Associations asking for increased old age pensions—the signatures totalled 18,000.

New Magistrate

Lieutenant-Colonel William E. Batt, appointed stipendiary magistrate for East Ham (London), took the oath of allegiance before Mr. Justice Cassels in the Vacation Court. Aged fifty-six, he was admitted a solicitor in 1905, and was called to the Bar in 1920.

To Make Home

In Sub-Arctic

A Scottish couple who is to live in the sub-Arctic region of Canada—Miss Jean Warren-Stephen, of Edinburgh, and Mr. Peter Dalrymple—have been married at the Little Anglican Mission at Churchill, Manitoba.

Nine hundred Jewish refugees from Hungary and Slovakia are marooned on the island of St. Matthew, near the Bulgarian Danube port of Rustschuk.

The shares were bequeathed in the will of his uncle, Sir George Hamilton Kenrick of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Sir George, a former Lord Mayor of Birmingham, died aged eighty-nine, leaving £45,475 (net personality £44,423).

The Premier is an executor.

Dreams Are Not Omens

Dreams in which we re-live some unpleasant happening such as an accident, are not, as some people believe, supernatural warnings of disaster, Dr. Frank Plewa told the Individual Psychology summer school at Oxford.

In some cases the dreamer might be giving a warning to himself, preparing himself for difficulties he had to face, said Dr. Plewa. The dreamer was, in effect, telling himself: "I have survived this accident, therefore I shall survive the thing that now threatens me."

There was always an increase of such dreams and psychological symptoms generally in times of national crisis, he added.

Mr. Allan Dean, a young Englishman visiting Germany, who was arrested a fortnight ago in Vienna on a charge of smuggling money, has been released after his brother Lt.-Col. D. J. Dean, V.C., had come from England and paid the fine inflicted.



FIRST R.A.F. MILITIAMEN—This picture was taken at West Drayton R.A.F. Reception depot where the first of the R.A.F. militiamen—who volunteered to serve in the R.A.F.—are sworn in and equipped for six months' continuous attachment for R.A.F. stations. After staying for a day at the depot they leave for their various stations. Photo shows one of the R.A.F. militiamen struggling from the depot after being equipped.

Car Crash In Barber's

Mr. Jack Smith, of Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, leaped from the barber's chair when a car crashed into a hairdresser's in Church-street, Stoke Newington, carrying away the door and window, and throwing a chair into the back of the premises. The driver of the car, Mrs. C. Thompson, of Chisholm-road, Stoke Newington, suffered from shock, but was able to go home. Mr. Gordon Luxton, hairdresser, had an arm-cut.

Triplets Are 100

Mr. Charles Mayhew, who lives near Mount Pleasant Post Office, London, is 100. So are his two brothers, Fred and John, now in Australia . . . because Charles and they are triplets. But Mr. Mayhew doesn't think there's anything remarkable in it.

"I have been brought up to it gradually," he said, "My father lived to be 103 and my mother 104."

Fuel Tax £51,000,000

There was an increase of £6,800,000 in the revenue provided by the motor industry in fuel taxes for the year ended March, 1939, on the previous year, states the 1939 issue of "The Motor Industry of Great Britain."

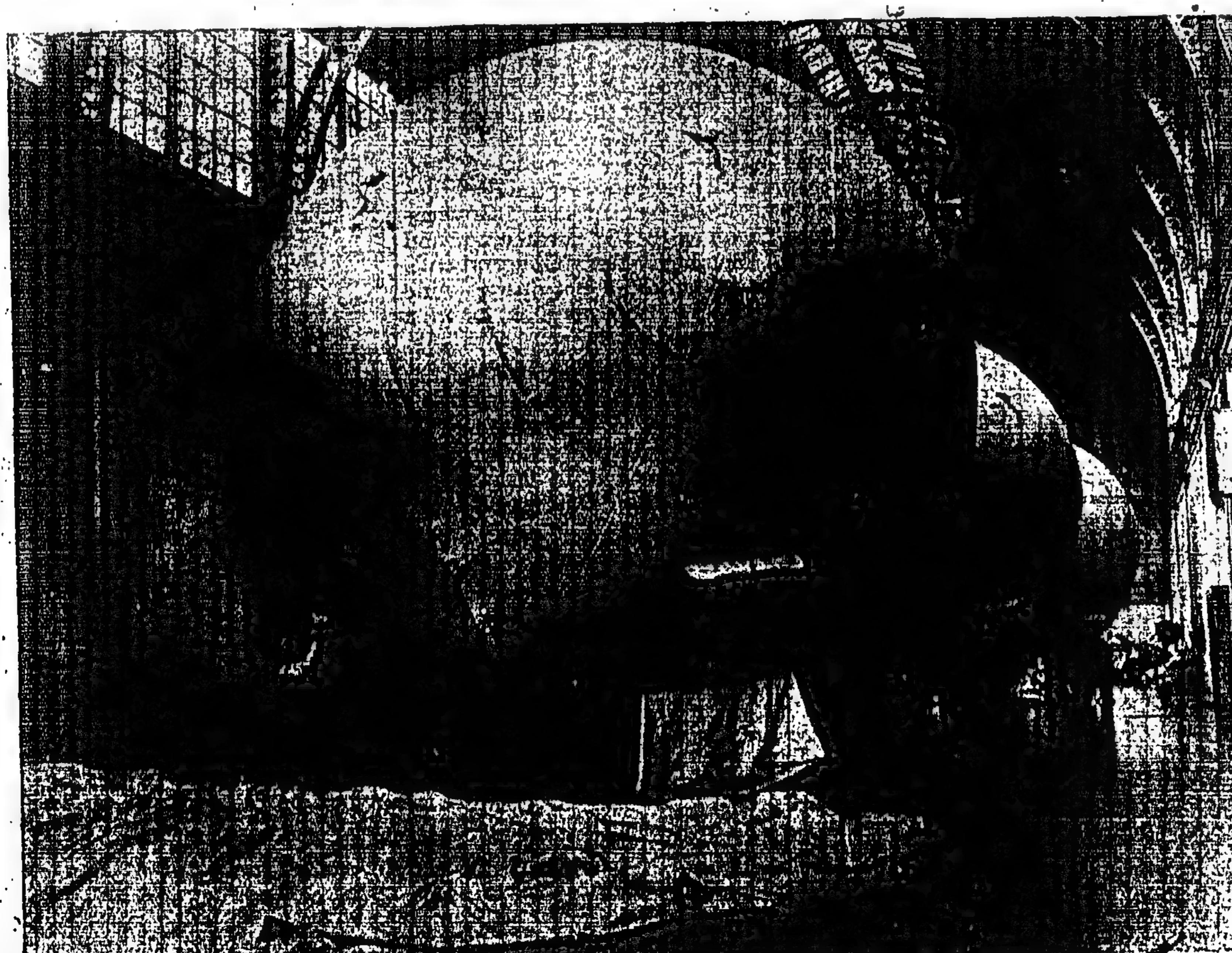
Fuel tax receipts from the industry were estimated at £51,000,000 for the year. The United Kingdom is the world's second largest user of motor vehicles, and the number of men the industry employs in Britain totals 1,385,000.

Annual revenue from vehicle duties increased by £1,000,000 on the previous year to £35,608,000.

The German mountaineering expedition has given up its attempt to climb Nanga Parbat, 26,629ft., in Kashmir.

The Ski Club of Great Britain has decided to hold the next British ski championships at Grindelwald on Jan. 10 and 11.

The 28,000,000 of Spanish gold which the French courts have seized left the Bank of France for Spain in five armoured lorries.



MAKING ENGLAND SAFE—Barrage balloons are now being produced on a scale hitherto unknown by special equipment at the Dunlop balloon factory at Gaythorne, Manchester. The new process has so improved production that the universal adoption of defence by barrage balloons can now be successfully applied. The whole resources of rubber technology have been engaged upon the proofing of the fabric which is a new one, lighter, and with greater gas-holding properties than any hitherto used for aeronautical work. The building of the balloons is now done by mass production, resulting in an accuracy of detail never before achieved. Photo shows testing barrage balloons at the factory at Manchester.

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have tried to meet all of these points. They have devised an elaborate machinery to ensure strict obedience to the law. Exemptions have been given to foreigners, visitors, tourists and bona-fide travellers. A moderate consumption of liquor will be permissible in clubs the membership of which is exclusively non-Indian.

Arrangements have been made to absorb elsewhere a large number of persons employed in the trade who will be rendered workless. Many applications have been received for facilities to open milk bars and similar alternatives to the liquor shops. It is hoped that these and hotels will find work for a large proportion of those thrown out of employment.

Whatever happens, one of the most striking effects will be a diminution in the popularity of mixed clubs and

D AND PEACE THE TEST Germany's Policy

The Germans, and such a shortage exists, and is economic on the Reich, would impose a social and financial disadvantage. There would, upon her by the German menace. Also, whether her spirit can be maintained at its present height of patriotic fervour. If Poland gives way in the slightest, Germany will gain far more than a corresponding advantage, for with the enormous force she now has at her disposal she will rapidly enlarge that gain. Every advance she makes—no matter how small—is but a stage on the way to final conquest. Danzig is a German stronghold even now, but only in a passive sense. Germany is determined to "activate" that stronghold—in other words, to make Danzig a base for military operations against the "Corridor."

II

To discover whether Poland can be isolated—that is to say, whether the ties between Poland and the Western Powers can be loosened by increased German pressure on Poland in general and on Danzig in particular. Poland's confidence in her Western allies as well as her determination to maintain the present status of Danzig will be put to the severest test.

The represent the whole system of alliances negotiated by the Western Powers, or what they call the "peace front," as a fiction, a bluff, or at least as something wholly inadequate to resist German expansion in Eastern and South-eastern Europe. Germany makes much of British "impotence" in the Far East. If the Poles can be led to think that Britain is also "impotent" in Europe, even if it be only Central or Eastern Europe, then, according to the German calculation, the might of the whole British Commonwealth will have been exposed to the world at large as a sham.

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By George McManus



inter-communal intercourse. By contrast, at least, Bombay may become a dull city. But there is reason to believe that the Britons and other non-Asiatic residents in Bombay are satisfied with the concessions in their favour. The general feeling among the foreigners is that it is an act of good will to them to make allowances for their habits and a gesture of inter-racial cordiality.

Under the exemptions a foreigner is allowed to consume seven units of liquor per month, one unit being reckoned as equivalent to: (a) one bottle of whisky, brandy, gin, &c.; or (b) three bottles of wine, sherry, vermouth, &c.; or (c) nine bottles of beer and stout. The seven units can be distributed over all these three groups. Probably about 4,000 foreigners will take advantage of the exemption.

Assuming that all of them take their full quota, the liquor consumed by them in one year will be in terms of money £250,000. Compared with the consumption of foreign liquor in Bombay city and suburbs last year, this represents a third of the normal consumption of foreign liquor by all communities put together. Producers of foreign liquor will lose in consequence roughly £500,000.

Liquor Prescriptions

Exactly how much of this will have to be borne by the British Isles it is difficult to say, but, applying the ratio of the United Kingdom liquor exports to India to Indian imports of all foreign liquor—roughly 60 per cent—the British losses as the result of this change in Bombay city will be £300,000 per year.

On the same basis the annual loss of the Government of India in the shape of Customs revenue will roughly be £180,000, and that of the Government of Bombay in provincial taxation on foreign liquor will be £80,000, though a portion of this will be made up for by fees for exemption permits and increased tax on such foreign liquor as may be sold.

Elaborate precautions have been taken to outmanoeuvre the anti-prohibitionists. By the extension of the prohibition area to the suburbs up to a distance of about 20 miles from the southernmost tip of the island of Bombay, it has been made nearly impossible for the residents of the city to quench their thirst within a reasonable distance from their homes. Shops on the border of the prohibition area will be strictly rationed.

From October the facility with which liquor can be obtained on the strength of doctors' prescriptions will disappear. Doctors will then have little chance to issue indiscriminate "liquor prescriptions." One penalty is that their names might be struck off the medical register.

Nearly 2,000 new constables, it is said, are being recruited to help in the law's enforcement. Fresh powers have been given to the police to detect Excise offences—officers of the higher grades will have power to raid houses, while even constables can search persons and vehicles on the thoroughfare.

SPEAK-EASIES TO BE CURBED.
The Government have also enlisted the services and co-operation of a number of non-officials and organisations. Hundreds of volunteers, called the Prohibition of Guard, women's organisations, athletes, and even boys, will be employed to assist in one or the other branches of the prohibition campaign. The city has been divided into small areas and a committee appointed for each. There are prohibition agents in every building in the slum area to give information about illicit distillation or clandestine drinking bouts. "Speak-easies," even if a few spring up, will not last long. The vigilance groups will see to that.

What will be the measure of success achieved? "India is a different country from America," said a Congress Minister. "People here do not drink as a matter of course. In the eye of religion it is a sin, socially it is a vice. We will succeed where America has failed. Anyway, we are optimistic."

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"No."

"There's nothing you bought at all!"

"No."

"No presents?"

"No."

"Nothing at all?"

"Nothing. Unless . . ."

"Yes, Sir — Unless?"

"Unless you include a head like a rag

football dredged from a canal and a taste in my mouth like smoke in a railway tunnel. Our Paris representative entertained me rather less

than last night."

"This Rose's really kills off hangovers! Have they any in the States?"

"Plenty, Sir — Hi, Sir, come back — you've forgotten your bag."

ROSE'S LIME JUICE — THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

"The China Mail."

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Every Woman Should Be Soap-Wise

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

Because soap plays such a stellar role in our lives, for it cleanses our bodies as well as our clothes and keeps our homes sanitary, every woman should know what it is made of, the difference between an alkali soap and a bland soap, and why some bars are more expensive than others.

The quality of soap depends upon the quality of its ingredients — its alkalis and fatty bases.

There are two alkalis, soda and potash. Soda is used for the hard soaps; potash for the softer, more easily lathered soaps.

The fatty bases may consist of olive oil, cocoanut oil, palm or palm kernel oil, mutton tallow. Sometimes cottonseed oil, linseed oil, soy bean oil and castor oil are used. Most toilet soaps combined tallow with one or more oils and upon the way these are blended, and their quality, depend the price. The best makes use only the purest, whitest and least odorous fats. Pure castile soap for instance, is made of the finest olive oil and soda, and both of these ingredients should be clearly printed on the label of the soap you buy. This is one of the mildest and purest soaps on the market.

HARD-WATER SOAP

Soaps to lather in hard-water contain more alkali than other soaps so if your skin is dry or sensitive do

not use such a soap on your face. You will be a wise lady if you will soften the hard water before bathing instead of using a hard-water soap! Once the water is softened you may use the mildest of soaps.

FLOATING SOAPS

Generally speaking a soap that floats is no purer than one which doesn't. By mixing air in the soap formula while it is still liquid makes soap float. The mere fact that it floats has nothing whatever to do with its purity. However, people like to find soap floating when they are bathing, and there are a couple of very good soaps which do float.

SOME SOAP FACTS

The soap you use on your face should contain not more than from $\frac{1}{4}\%$ to one per cent. of free alkali. This makes it neutral.

White or pastel soaps which hold their perfume and colour to the last sliver usually are made from pure ingredients. Don't use dark base soaps on your skin unless they are a tar or one of the finest transparent soaps. Cheap transparent soaps contain too much alcohol, glycerin and sugar plus alkali.

Never wash your face with your liquid shampoo soap — it is too harsh.

Soap bargains are usually no bargains unless very good soap brands are reduced for clearance.

As you use soap on your skin at



Face skin requires a bland soap to prevent irritation. LYNN BARI has an exquisite texture which she cares for religiously.

most once a day, or more often, take choice time to select a good brand. If you are ever in doubt, buy a are bewildered at the many makes pure castile soap or one of the better on the market write me which skin super-fatted soaps — especially for texture you have and I shall gladly young skins, or those which are dry suggest several brands for your and sensitive.

STREAMLINED FIGURES Reducing Hips & Thighs

By DONALD LOOMIS

Jean Chatburn could have held to a chair for this exercise. Stand with feet together, as you breathe in deeply kick forward as high as you possibly can, then, still holding the breath, kick backward as high as possible. Exhale as you lower foot. Repeat with opposite leg. Remember to keep your

knees perfectly stiff while doing this exercise.

If you wish you can do this to music; so many times with one leg, so many times with the other.

Myrna Loy has a naturally lovely figure. She does not need any special work for figure faults, but she comes in to keep herself from getting soft and flabby. She has delicate bones and doesn't care much for sports. She usually likes exercises



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such as the above, and stretching and so that you can lift yourself from the bending exercises that are no floor with its aid. Raise shoulders and feet from the floor and roll on strenuous.

As I told you before, your weight and measurements vary with the weight of your bones. If you are a small-boned girl, whose age is between 19 and 24, and height 5 feet 1 inch, your measurements should be:

Height, 5 feet 1 inch; weight, 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds; neck, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches; bust, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; waist, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; hips, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; wrist, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; thigh, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; calf 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; ankle, 7 inches; upper arm, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The rope exercise is very good for slimming down the hipline, but it is not easy. Do not do it, too many times at first.

Tie a rope to a heavy doorknob, or to some fixed object that will not break or give. Lie on the floor with your head toward the rope, face up; secure it. This will help that bulk stretch your arms back and grasp the at the belt. When you drop anything, or wish to pick up something from the floor or sidewalk, remember to bend over

Next — Building Up,

Denise Robins writes for the Woman whose Life is ALL WORK NO PLAY

A few days ago I received a pathetic and bitter letter complaining that since marriage her life had been "all work and no play."

The wife in this case is "Jack." She has become dull. Dull and discontented because she has so little relaxation and pleasure to make her work seem worth while.

"It isn't fair," she said. No, of course, it isn't. And, apart from the injustice of it, it isn't good for her.

The women in the "working classes" are possibly the greatest sufferers. A meagre wage and a big family, and mother has little chance to enjoy herself.

Although it is wonderful what a lot of fun she does manage to extract! The average mother of a big family is a grand person, cheerful in the face of adversity and unselfish to the last degree. But the unselfishness should not be one-sided.

She ought to be given a chance to slip off the heavy harness and thoroughly relax, somehow, sometime. It's all wrong for father every night to say he's "tired" and to light his pipe and go to sleep.

* * * * * Equally does the woman in a better position face the same problem. She may have servants and more time for amusement during the day than her poorer sister, but if she is fond of her husband she wants to enjoy herself with him.

After all, she married him for companionship as much as for anything, didn't she? And nine husbands out of ten return from work with that excuse: "I'm much too tired to go out."

If she is of strong character and very unselfish she will stick it. If she is weak she may find some other man to take her out.

There is always that danger.

But the fact remains that no wife can be expected to concentrate all her waking hours on husband and family, and receive only an occasional reward in the shape of an outing or an annual holiday.

But now let us look at it from the man's point of view. Rich or poor, his "fatigue" excuse is invariably a genuine one. He is too tired to rush out after a hard day's work.

It is too much for him after expending all his energies on earning the living for his family, to be dragged to theatres or parties.

He asks for peace and quiet, and for his physical and mental health he needs both.

It all boils down to the old question of "give and take." There must be allowances made on both sides. Mr. X mustn't expect Mrs. X to give up all her fun for him, and she must not want to drag him out continually.

* * *

There should be evenings when she have her outings, and evenings when they should sit at home. And

here all husbands should remember the days of courtship.

Possibly he was working just as hard then, but he was always eager to dash home and take the girl-friend to a cinema, or out for a drive or walk.

He wasn't too tired then, while the glamour and the thrill of love-making were predominant. And she didn't always need to be "taken out."

She found it heavenly to sit quietly with him and just dream. So they

were always happy.

That happiness should remain, providing that both husband and wife make an effort to preserve the glamour. And glamour fades only when discontent creeps in.

How's Your Hair?

Street And Sports

By HELEN HUNT



Here's a good hair dress for street and sports.

TO-DAY'S COMMANDMENT

Spray a light solution of prepared lacquer or waving lotion on your hair to hold an especially intricate style in place. This will insure a well-groomed appearance under difficult conditions.

neat. Even screen stars on the sets who have hairdressers to attend them all the time find it almost impossible to keep an elaborate hair dress neat.

We sometimes use a barrette to catch the hair in place, or bando-line to stick tiny hairs up, and sometimes we are forced to use lacquer. You see lacquer used for street wear, too, as well as for evening wear, and it will keep hair where it belongs, but you must remember that you can't touch it with the fingers or a comb after it's on, or the hair dress is ruined.

If you have a poor hairline, front and back, here is a complete solution. Ann Doran happens to have a very nice hairline, but she posed for this to illustrate our point.

See how neatly the little curls cover the hairline and how nicely the back roll takes care of straggling hairs that come down and make the prettiest hair dress unattractive.

The great difficulty with all high hair dresses is that they won't stay

over the finished hair dress and then spray it into with lacquer. This may seem a heroic method, but there is nothing so unbecoming as straggling hair hanging down at the back of the neck.

Next—Teen-Age Hints

This is another of a series of articles on hair styles, a most important subject to all women. The series is written by Helen Hunt, famous Hollywood hair stylist and head of the hair-dressing department of Columbia Studios.



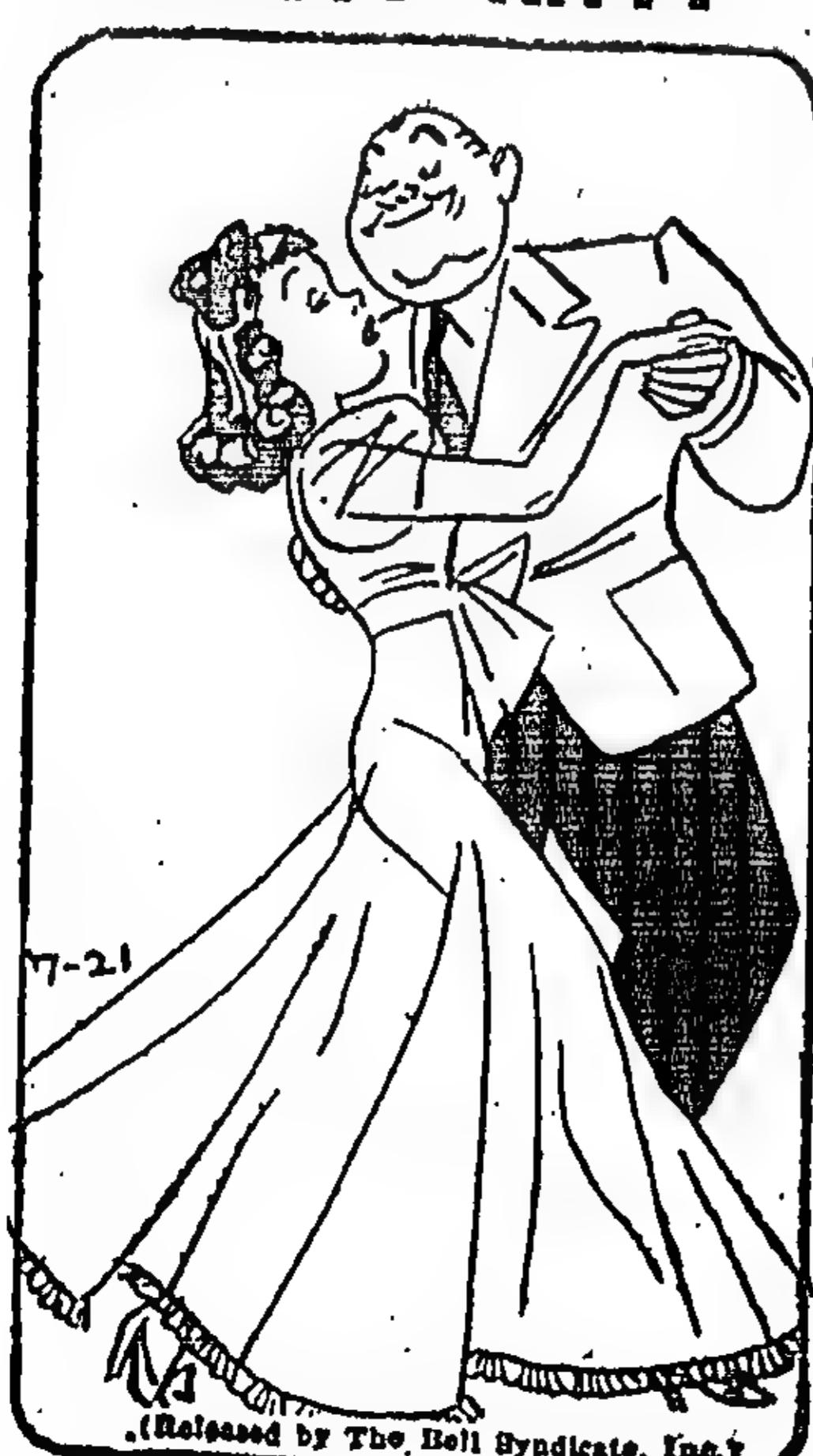
Children And Sweets — Two "Don'ts"—To Observe.

A wise mother cautions her children thus regarding sweets—"Don't eat too many, and don't eat them at all unless you know where they come from."

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WITTY KITTY



An optimist is he who thinks he can dance the night through and be as bright as the sun the following day.

What The Stars Foretell.

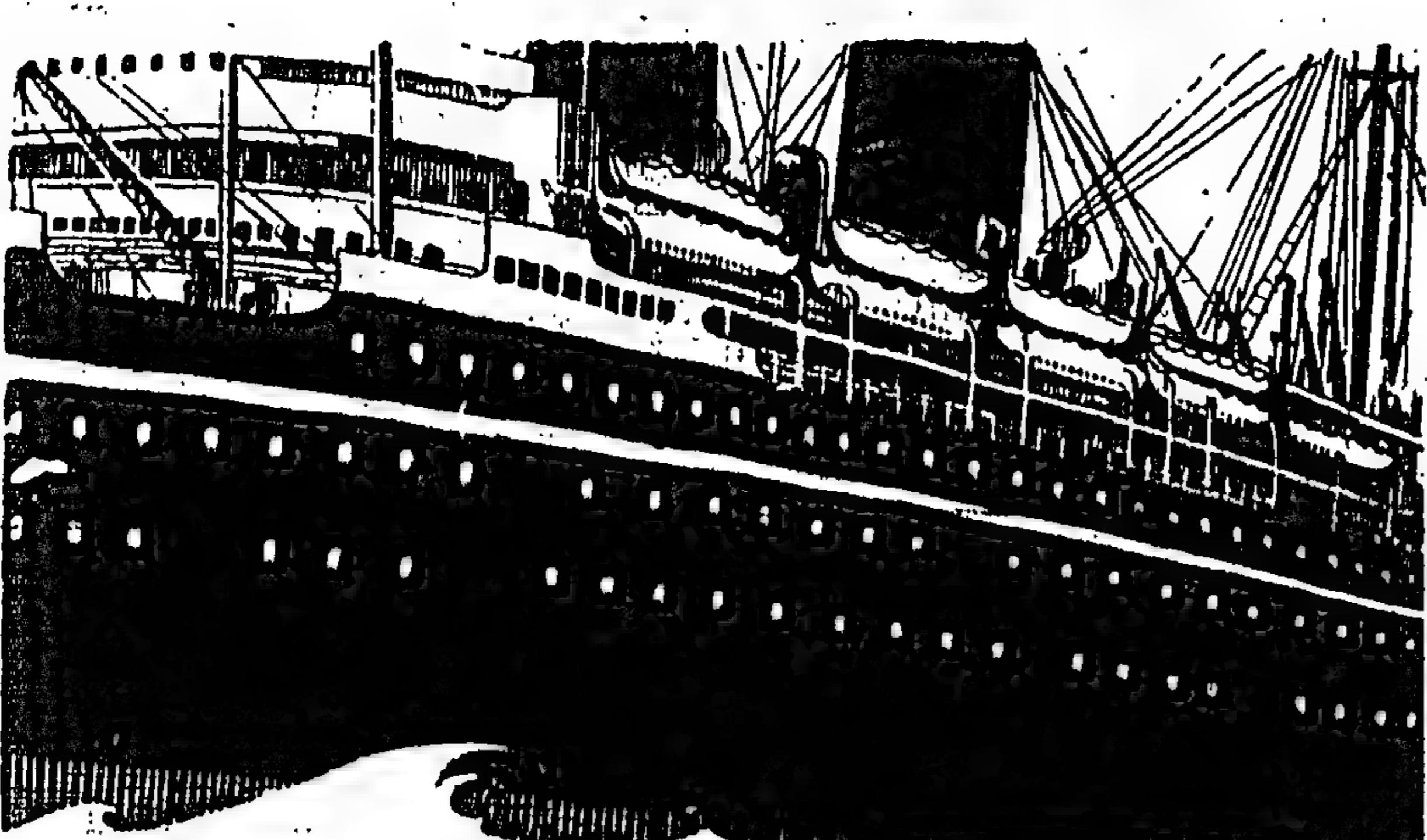
By MARY BLAKE

Unless you take precautions to be open-minded and free from the prejudicial influences of likes and dislikes, you may find yourself very combative this day. If you go around looking for chips on other people's shoulders, to knock off, you may find more than you bargained for. Smiles and tactful witticisms are the best antidotes you can use to counteract the virulence of bad tempers and stinging tongues. You may be able to do a great deal of good this day, by making encouraging and optimistic remarks. This appears to be a good day to make your influence sway the thoughts of those near to you, particularly in matters requiring a constructive line of thought. Married and engaged couples and those who have been conquered by cupid's wiles, must think twice before changing their minds, if they wish to enjoy a peaceful day.

If a woman and August 30 is your birthday, you may control the heartstrings of many people by being

affectionate, considerate and patient. Your greatest danger might come from accepting as true some hearsay gossip. In business matters be careful that busybody friends do not, unwittingly, induce you to do the wrong thing. You should be fully capable of forming your own opinions and making your own decisions. Upon the degree of your spiritual development depends the amount of your mental contentment. As an interior decorator, purchasing agent, office manager, writer, professional entertainer, artist, actress or as a publicity woman, success may be easily attained by you and a freedom from financial worries. Through marriage may come your happiest hours, and the enjoyment of many luxuries.

The child born on August 30 is apt early in life to give many indications of having a very sentimental nature. Children born on this date frequently grow up to hold positions of great responsibility, and through them often amass a great deal of wealth.



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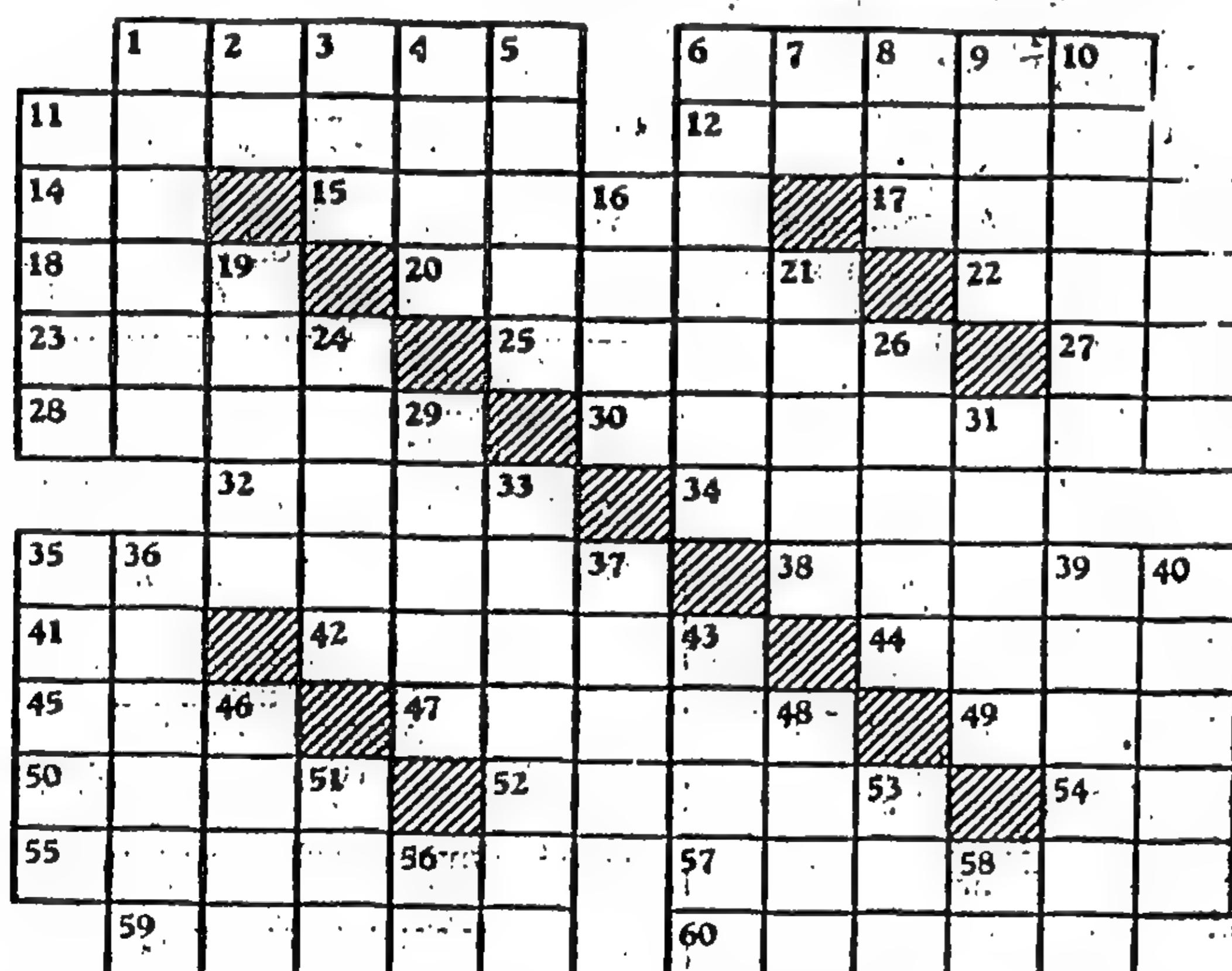
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- Woodchuck
- Wears away
- Indefinite article
- Fall flower
- Temporary shelter
- Young fellow
- Anxious
- A sail yard (Scot.)
- Philippine sweetsops
- Radish (Fr.)
- Symbol for cerium
- Memento
- Gave away
- Biblical name
- Man's name
- Utters
- Peftolates
- Negative
- Lasso
- Soil
- Pike-like fish
- Male bee
- Narrow inlet

VERTICAL

- Pertaining to a period of time
- Rages
- 54 101
- Distant
- Made amends
- Noted time of
- Drains
- 50 Pertaining to a period of time
- Irish (abbr.)
- Wine vessel
- Part of face
- Essence of roses
- Altar screen
- Conjunction
- Kind of fly
- River in Germany
- Card term
- 11 Pertaining to cheek
- Spirited horse
- Mild expletive
- Erases
- Russian hemp (pl.)
- One who takes sides
- Satiated
- Waxed
- Possessive pronoun
- Played leading part
- Ire
- Flew aloft
- Porico
- Cost (pl.)
- Sober
- Chronological relation of events (sing.)
- Incarnation of Vishnu
- Girl's name
- Parcel of land
- Plot of ground
- Symbol for tellurium
- Point of compass

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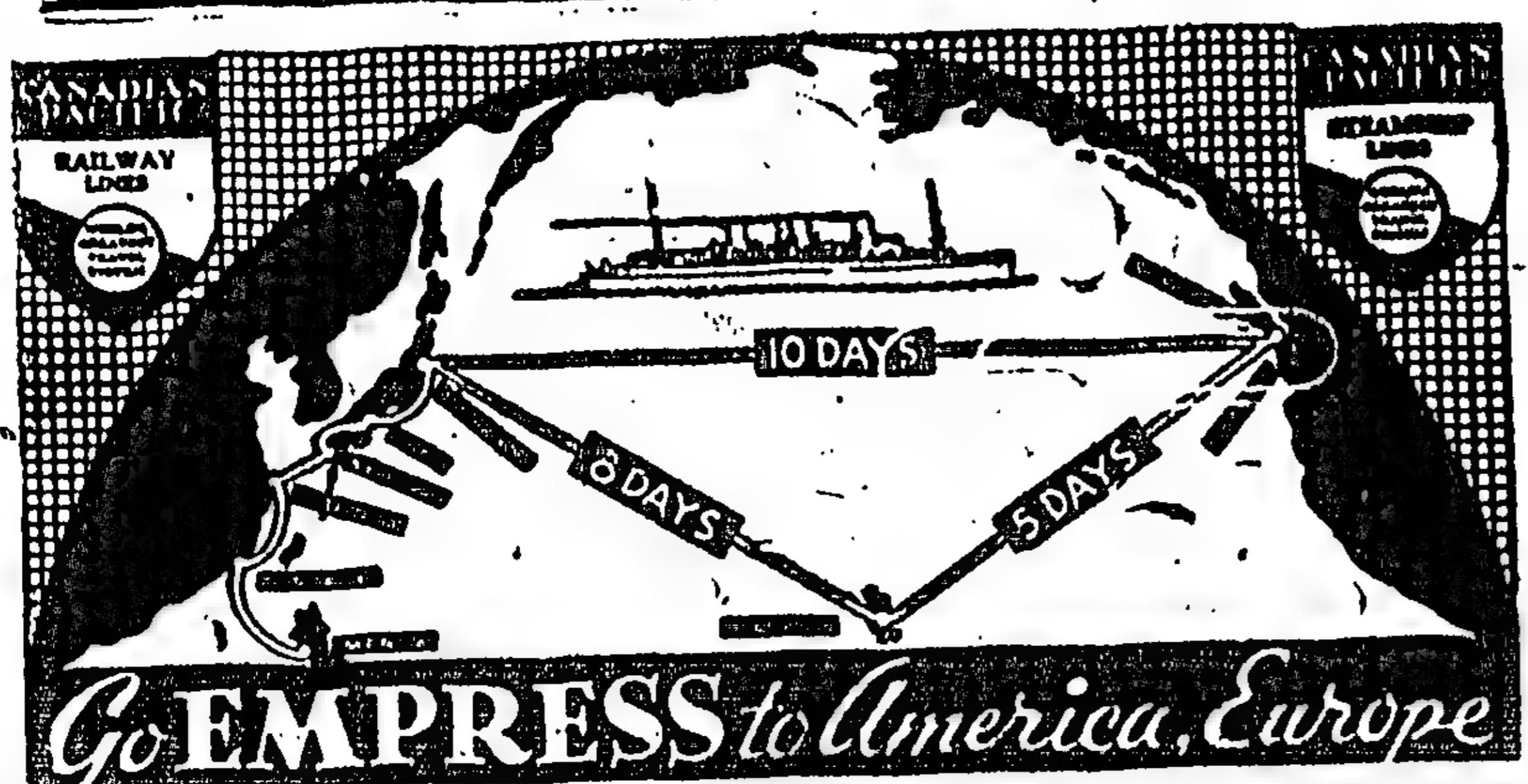
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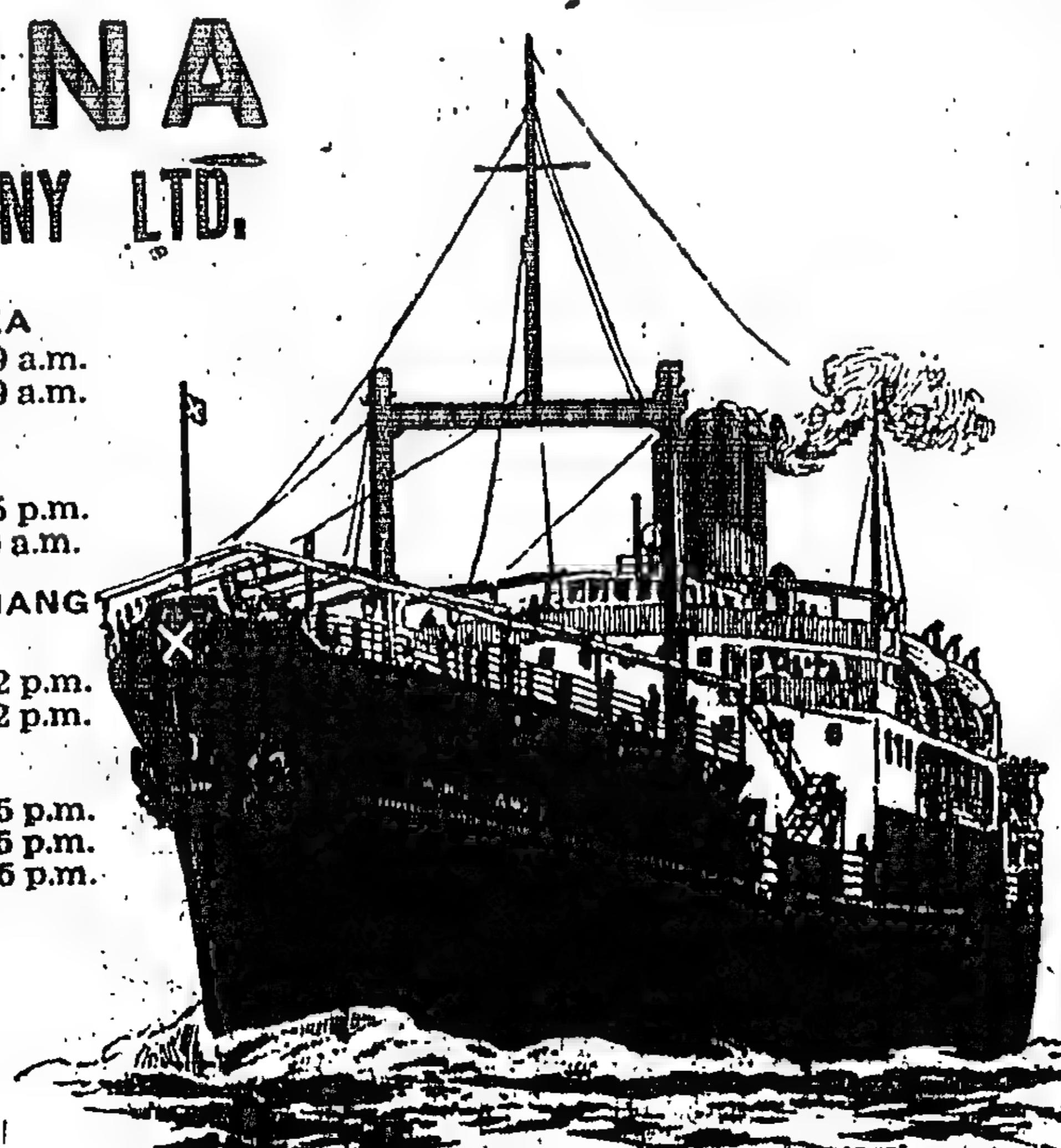
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THE TITIS HERO'S HONOUR

Captain Harry P. K. Oram, hero of the submarine Thetis disaster, was elected a naval honorary member of the Royal Yacht Squadron at a general meeting.

Captain Oram escaped from the submarine with a message strapped to his wrist, which, it was hoped, would bring aid.

TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE BOY WHO CAME FROM NOWHERE

By VINCENT TOWNE

A MYSTERIOUS personage was found leaning against a wall in the Bavarian city of Nuremberg in May, 1823. He was a youth of about 18, apparently an aristocrat. Blinded by the morning sun, he held his hands over his eyes. The police told him to move on, but he could not walk. They prodded him. He staggered and fell. Questioning him as to his identity, they found that he could not talk, so they carried him bodily to prison. It was evident that he was an idiot. His face and demeanor bespoke inherent intelligence. Yet his inability to walk or talk was unfeigned. He was not deaf and his vocal organs were capable of reproducing any spoken word by repetition.

The soles of his feet were convex, like those of an infant who has never walked. Every sound seemed to terrify him, as did the sight of the commonest objects. On hearing a bell ring he burst into paroxysms of weeping and the music of a street band caused him to swoon. Given a substantial meal, he turned from it with abhorrence and fell into convulsions. All that could tempt his appetite was hard bread and water. Some one sent him some toys to play with, but they caused him to cry with terror, until he caught sight of a wooden horse, which he snatched up with glee, clasping it in his arms and kissing it tenderly.

The only clue to his identity was a letter found upon his person and purporting to have been written by a Bavarian labourer. It stated that the bearer had been found at the writer's door 16 years before, and inclosed was a note alleged to have been written by the youth's mother. According to this his name was Kaspar; he had been born April 30, 1812, his father was a captain in the 6th Chevau-leger Regiment, at Nuremberg, and his mother was tatty. With surprising rapidity Kaspar thereupon learned not only to walk and talk, but to read and write. Within a few months he was able to relate so much of his strange history as he could remember. According to his story he had been confined all his life in a dark cell, penetrated only by a man whose shadow alone he could see and who came daily to wash him, dress him and bring him his sustenance, always bread and water. His only friend had been a wooden horse, and his jailer, although never speaking a word to him, had for some mysterious reason expended a year's effort in silently teaching him to write the name "Kaspar Hauser."

Finally, one night his keeper had entered his cell, blindfolded him, placed in his hand the letter later found upon his person, taken him to Nuremberg, and left him leaning against the city wall. That was all he knew of his strange history.

Professor Daumer's house soon became the mecca for thousands a poor girl unable to support him. There were grave suspicions that these letters had been written as a blind, inasmuch as the youth showed many evidences of aristocratic lineage.

One surprising discovery was made. At the sight of a pencil the speechless youth took it up and forthwith wrote "Kaspar Hauser" evidently a name given to him to disguise his real identity. He was unable to write anything else or to pronounce what he had written.

In Nuremberg dwelt a kindly savant, Prof. G. F. Daumer, who became interested in the mysterious youth, and took him to his home, hoping to develop his retarded men-who flocked there to see the mystery youth and hear his strange story. One day, within less than five months from the time when Kaspar was found leaning against the city wall, Professor Daumer was terrified to hear his interesting protege utter terrified cries for help, and, rushing into the room he found Kaspar writhing upon the floor. Blood gushed from a wound in



Blinded By The Morning Sun

his forehead, and when revived the lad said that a man with a blackened faced had stolen into the room, stabbed him and fled.

The police scoured the country for the assailant, but without avail. About this time the case attracted the attention of the very wealthy Lord Stanhope, of England, who adopted Kaspar and sent him secretly to Ansbach that he might be hidden safely from his enemies and be educated by the celebrated Professor Fuhrmann. After a few years, his education having been completed, Lord Stanhope arrived in Ansbach to take his ward back to England.

On the day before that set for his departure for England, a stranger handed Kaspar a note requesting him to appear at a certain place and learn the secret of his origin. Without confiding the circumstances to Lord Stanhope, the young man proceeded to the place appointed. Soon afterward he terrified his guardian by staggering into his apartment with blood dripping from a knife wound in his side. Gasping the words, "Palace—Uzen Monument—purse!" he fell to the floor, dead, Lord Stanhope astounded to the Uzen monument in the palace grounds and there found a purse of

violet coloured silk, containing a slip paper on which had been scrawled:

"Kasper Hauser, born April 30, 1812, Murdered December 14, 1833. Know by this that I come from the Bavarian frontier on the river. These are the initials of my name. M. L. B."

A price of 5,000 florins was placed upon the head of Kaspar's assassin by Lord Stanhope, and for years the police strove to solve the mystery. But their efforts were futile.

WOMEN'S A.R.P. IN H.K.

Old linen, screw top bottles and jars would be very welcome:—Please send all you can spare to:—292, The Peak; the Helena May Institute; or the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, addressed to Women's Air Raid Precautions Union.

If you have the spare time to make up bandages or help with hospital equipment, there will be an opportunity of doing this at the Helena May Institute on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. and at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon on Mondays at 10.30 a.m.

A.R.P. Short Course Lectures will be given weekly at the Helena May Institute on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m.

Also wanted, free of charge, are rooms in the Wan Chai District, the Kennedy Town District, and the Central District for the purpose of recruiting. Anyone willing to give their time and services for this purpose are asked to apply to the Secretary, W.A.R.P.U., 2nd Floor, Exchange Building.

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London, To-day.—Reports from Rome state that since yesterday British subjects in Italy are finding it difficult to change their pound notes into lire. — Trans-Ocean.

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HOME CRICKET**MIDDLESEX FAIL AGAINST SURREY AT LORD'S****YORKS WIN TITLE FOR THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION****KENT'S SPLENDID VICTORY OVER LANCASHIRE**

LONDON, TO-DAY.—As reported yesterday, Yorkshire have won the County Cricket Championship for the third year in succession.

Team to have given them the greatest competition throughout the season—Middlesex met with a further reverse, at the hands of Surrey, to whom they lost on the first innings, and can now only finish a very bad second even if they win their remaining two fixtures.

There were no other really notable results although the victory of Kent over Lancashire by five wickets was meritorious.

The Hop County were led by 80 runs on the first innings and Lancs then scored 301 for 9 dec. in their second. Set to score nearly 400 runs in the fourth innings of the match, Kent have Fagg to thank for the accomplishment of this task. This brilliant batsman scored a dashing 138.

GODDARD AGAIN

Tom Goddard, of Gloucestershire, has had a notable season. The acme of consistency throughout, he is still taking wickets. Against Notts at Nottingham he took 6 for 77 and 5 for 70 to dismiss this county for low scores on each occasion, and, with W. R. Hammond making a typical 153, Gloucestershire won easily with an innings to spare.

Middlesex, although led on the first innings and having to face a total of 376 for 7 dec. in their second, made a valiant effort to get the runs against Surrey and had scored 328

for 4 wickets when stumps were drawn.

BACK TO FORM

Edrich, who has returned to his best form after a bad start to the season, scored no fewer than 110 not out to the first innings total of 185, whilst Robertson, a comparative unknown, made 140 in the second, innings.

The two England bowlers, Nichols and Farnes were chiefly responsible for Essex's victory over Northamptonshire. Nichols' took 6 for 39 in the first innings, while Farnes took 6 for 47 in the second.

At Dudley, Worcestershire beat Warwickshire on the first innings. Worcestershire—368 (Hollies 5 for 84) and 299 for 6 dec. Warwickshire—317 (Parks 5 for 82) and 35 for 2.

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At Lord's, Surrey beat Middlesex on the first innings.

Surrey—234 and 376 for 7 dec. (Squires 142).

**A. FAGG**

Middlesex—185 (Edrich 110 not out) and 328 for 4. (Robertson 140).

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At Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Glamorgan beat Leicestershire on the first innings.

Glamorgan—334 (M. J. Turnbull 156) and 153 for 7.

Leicestershire—292 (Watson 145).

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At Clacton, Essex beat Northamptonshire by 210 runs.

Essex—206 and 304 for 5 dec.

Northants—173 (Nichols 6 for 39) and 127 (Farnes 6 for 47).

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At Nottingham, Gloucestershire beat Nottinghamshire by an innings and 56 runs.

Gloucestershire—395 for 9 dec. (W. R. Hammond 153).

Notts—199 (Goddard 6 for 77) and 140 (Goddard 5 for 70).

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At Dover, Kent beat Lancashire by 5 wickets.

Lancs—262 (Harding 5 for 54) and 301 for 9 dec.

Kent—182 (Wilkinson 5 for 54) and 382 for 5 (Fagg 138).

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At Taunton, Derbyshire beat Somerset by 7 wickets.

Somerset—211 and 182.

Derbyshire—134 (Buse 8 for 41) and 262 for 3. (Townsend 142 not out).

—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

At Lord's—Middlesex v Warwickshire.

At Oval—Surrey v Lancashire.

At Leicester—Leicestershire v Derbyshire.

At Taunton—Somerset v Northamptonshire.

At Hove—Sussex v Yorkshire (J. H. Parkes' Benefit).

At Worcester—Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire.

At Canterbury—Kent v West Indies.

TENNIS**WIGHTMAN CUP PLAYERS SCORE WINS**

Brookline (Mass.), August 16.—Miss Kay Stammers and Mrs. Freda Hamersley, the British Wightman Cup players, beat Mrs. P. H. Theopold and Miss Virginia Ellis of Boston, 6-1, 6-0, in the second round of the American lawn tennis doubles championships here to-day. In another second round match, Miss Alice Marble and Mrs. S. P. Fabyan beat Miss Patricia Cumming, of New Jersey, and Miss Marilyn M'Rae, of Arkansas, 6-2, 6-2.

R. L. Riggs and E. T. Cooke, the Wimbledon champions, won their first round match against Lytton Dowson and Philip Jameson, whom they beat 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. In a second round match Robert Peacock and Douglass Imhoff, the National inter-collegiate champions, beat Jacques Brugnon and Bernard Destremmeau, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

Miss Mary Hardwick and Miss Valerie Scott beat Mrs. Whitfield Painter and Miss Polly Morrill of Massachusetts, 6-4, 6-4, in a second round match.

Jack Crawford and H. C. Hopman, the Australian players, beat R. Kamrath and P. Hudlow, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in a second round match, while Charles Hare, the British Davis Cup player, and Ladislaus Hecht, the former Czechoslovakian Davis Cup player, beat the Brothers Murphy, of Chicago, 7-9, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in a second round match.—Press Association.

LAWN TENNIS**MASKELL RETAINS PRO. TITLE**

London, August 20—D. Maskell (All-England), the holder, beat T. C. Jeffery (Melbury), who is the ex-holder, by 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the singles in the Professional Championships of Great Britain at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

The match, which lasted fifty minutes, was rather disappointing. Jeffery lacked the control he had shown all the week, and was inclined to overhit the slower ball, especially on the backhand. Play was mostly from the base-line, with both men usually finding a passing shot on the few occasions when the other sought the net.

In the first set Maskell broke through the service in the sixth game, and took the set in the ninth. In the second set, which was on much the same lines, Jeffery produced some fine forehand drives, but Maskell had the better control, and his angled backhand drives were a feature of the play.

In the third set Jeffery, winning against the service, went to a 3-love lead. At this stage he seemed disturbed at a doubtful decision, and Maskell, driving fluently, won the next six games and the match.

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, To-day.

The following are the results of matches played yesterday in the Major Leagues:

National League—St. Louis 1 Boston 2; other games postponed owing to rain.

American League—New York 6 Detroit 7; Boston 7; Cleveland 4.—Reuter.

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W.T. LEE AND C.S. DEW IN FINE FETTLE SPLENDID FORM OF NEWCOMER

AFTER ENDEAVOURING to play the match off for the best part of two months, the weather remained kind for South China yesterday and they made no mistake against Kowloon Cricket Club "A" to win with the loss of only one set and secure the "B" Division tennis championship.

They clearly demonstrated their superiority over their strongest challengers and out-played them in all departments to win at the conclusion of the second round, by which time they had established a lead of 5 sets to 1.

At the end of the first round they led 2½-½, A. V. White and F. Grose being the only K. C. C. couple to meet with any measure of success.

As in all their previous encounters, most impressive South China pairing were C. S. Dew and W. T. Lee. The latter was in great form yesterday. His anticipation and rapid coverage of court, together with his fine stroke equipment, made him a formidable proposition for the home team, whilst his veteran partner rarely made a mistake, being firm overhead and very reliable with return of service, his heavily sliced strokes being most difficult to pick up.

BRILLIANT NEWCOMER

South China yesterday introduced a new player in the person of K. H. Ip, reputed to be their junior champion. This player, who normally plays in the "C" and "D" Divisions, was, after Lee, the finest player on view.

Very cool under pressure, Ip possesses a crisp volley, a powerful service and an effective cross-court drive. His combination with the experienced W. H. Ho was a very sound one, Ho being seldom at fault either off the ground or on the volley.

F. N. Wong and H. K. Ho were also very steady and made very few mistakes.

No member of the home team, with the possible exception of Grose, was able to reproduce anything like normal form. White appeared to be out of practice, while Anderson, on whose form is largely dependant the success of his partnership with Mackay, could not get his usually powerful smash working.

N. A. E. Mackay and D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C. "A"). lost to W. T. Lee and C. S. Dew 2-6 lost to F. N. Wong and H. K. Ho 4-6 lost to W. H. Ho and K. H. Ip 3-6 A. V. White and F. Grose (K.C.C. "A").

lost to Lee and Dew 1-6 drew with Wong and Ho 6-6 drew with Ho and Ip 6-6 W. Gittins and B. Soltau (K.C.C. "A").

lost to Lee and Dew 1-6 lost to Wong and Ho 3-6 lost to Ho and Ip 1-6

WALK-OVER CONCEDED

Kowloon Cricket Club's "B" team in "B" Division conceded a walk-over to C.R.C. due to the fact they could not field a team for yesterday's game.

K.C.C. LOSE LAST MATCH

Handicapped by the absence of A. E. P. Guest, their singles champion, for whom R. E. Lee deputised, and the fact that A. Crawford was suffering from a septic toe, Kowloon Cricket Club offered poor resistance to Chinese Recreation Club, holders, in "A" Division of the Tennis League at Causeway Bay yesterday, losing by 8 sets to 1.

This was the last K.C.C. fixture of the season, and their record is two wins—over University and Recreio.

Tsui Wal-pui and Wong Shiu-wing (C.R.C.) beat E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett 6-2 beat S. A. Gray and R. T. Broadbridge 6-2 beat A. Crawford and R. E. Lee 6-1 Tsui Yun-pui and W. C. Hung (C.R.C.) lost to Fincher and Burnett 3-6 beat Gray and Broadbridge 6-1 beat Crawford and Lee 6-2 Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing (C.R.C.) beat Fincher and Burnett 7-5 beat Gray and Broadbridge 6-2 beat Crawford and Lee 6-3

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day. The following are the results of matches played yesterday:

FIRST DIVISION			
Grimsby	0	Wolves	0
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)			
Rochdale	1	Wrexham	0
Southport	3	Tranmere	3

—Reuter.

V.R.C. WIN AT WATER POLO

In a scrappy water polo game at North Point, Victoria Recreation Club beat South China by two clear goals scored by Silva Netto and Luiz Remedios in the first half.

BUDE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Men's Singles.—Final: R. K. Tinkler beat J. W. B. Ireson, 6-1, 6-4.
Women's Singles.—Final: Mrs. F. B. Cooke beat Miss P. M. Seaton, 6-2, 6-2.

WHEN YOUTH HAD ITS DAY

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

They used to call golf an old man's game. As a matter of fact youth was apparently more in the golfing limelight years ago than it is to-day. Not because there were more young golfers playing the game, there is really no comparison to the vast number on the links to-day, but because a few of these showed rare promise at the start of their competitive career and lived up to these advance notices in sensational manner.

There was Jerry Travers for instance who started playing in the big tournaments in 1903, caught the fancy of gallery and his fellow players immediately and went on to win four National Open and the National Amateur title. Travers was a natural money golfer,

REVIVAL OF GOLF IN SPAIN

Golf in Spain is to be revived by the seven professionals who alone are said to remain in the country following the civil war.

They have addressed a letter to a ball manufacturing firm in England, stating that they are the sole survivors from the golf professional ranks, their colleagues having been killed in the war. Three years ago there were 14 first-class golf courses in Spain.

It is the intention of these professionals to revive the playing of golf in Spain. The two best-known courses in Madrid had been abandoned and destroyed by shelling and trench-digging, for both were in the centre of the battlefield. These courses are now being restored and a few complete holes are already open for play and practice.

There is, however, almost a total lack of golfing equipment, and the surviving professionals have now written to England in the hope of getting a supply of golf bags, clubs and balls.

although an amateur, he played best when the pressure was most severe. His bitter battles with the late Walter Travis are thrilling memories to many who watched them.

Bobby Jones needs no introduction. He was the "boy wonder" of Atlanta and he was the wonder of the golfing world when he retired in 1930 holding all four major titles. Other golfing greats of this era, who were youthful prodigies were Chick Evans, Walter Hagen and Francis Ouimet. Nowadays it seems to require much more experience in the line of golf fire before renown is won. It is the battle scarred veteran who wins most of the titles to-day.

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SWIMMING**INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AT WEMBLEY**

London, August 21.—About 6000 people saw England and Denmark finish level on the first half of their international swimming contest at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Saturday, each country winning four events. The match ends to-day.

The Danish star, Miss Ragnhild Hveger, holder of fourteen world records, won two events—the 100 metres free style and the 100 metres back stroke. She was not unduly pressed in the former in beating Miss Joyce Harrowby and Miss Vivian Bassett-Lowke, both British champions.

A surprise in the men's events was the defeat of Norman Wainwright, the brilliant Hanley swimmer, who, after being on level terms for most of the way in the 400 metres, lost by about three yards to Poul Petersen.

In the springboard diving event, Miss Asta Aggerholt, Denmark, crashed while doing a double somersault. She struck her head on the board and had to be assisted out of the water by officials. Her forehead was badly cut, and six stitches were inserted in the wound by a doctor.

100 Metres Free Style (Women).—1. Ragnhild Hveger (Denmark); 2. Joyce Harrowby (England). Won by two lengths in 1 min. 6 4-5 secs.

400 Metres Free Style (Men).—1. Poul Petersen (Denmark); 2. Norman Wainwright (England). Won by two lengths in 5 mins. 14 1-5 secs.

200 Metres Breast Stroke (Men).—1. J. G. Davies (England); 2. Finn Jensen (Denmark). Won easily in 2 mins. 51 2-5 secs.

100 Metres Back Stroke (Women).—1. Ragnhild Hveger (Denmark); 2. Vivian Bassett-Lowke (England). Won by two yards in 1 min. 12-5 secs.

Men's Team Race (4 by 100 Metres).—1. England (N. Wainwright, F. Dove, G. B. Ballbridge, J. S. Holt); 2. Denmark (P. Petersen, J. Christensen, P. Schilder, H. Holstein-Rathipu). Won by three yards in 4 mins. 13 2-5 secs.

High Diving (Men).—1. T. Christiansen (Denmark), 111.38 pts.; 2. C. Douglas Tomalin (England), 108.3 pts.

Springboard Diving (Women).—1. Miss Betty Slade (England), 116.1 pts.; 2. Miss Asta Aggerholt (Denmark), retired.

Polo.—England, 5 goals; Denmark, 2. Scorers:—England—R. W. Raidall 2, B. W. Brand 2, and E. H. Temme; Denmark—E. Adsemoes and W. Baade.

WORTHING TOURNAMENT

London, August 20.—J. W. Gunn beat A. D. Brown, the cup holder, by 6-4, 6-3 in the All-New Zealand men's singles tennis final at the Worthing Tournament yesterday. Results:

Men's Singles.—Final: J. W. Gunn beat A. D. Brown, 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Singles.—Final: Mrs. F. L. Brigden beat Mrs. J. N. C. Couper, 2-6, 6-1, 10-8.



RAGNHILD HVEGER, being chaired after breaking the Ladies' 400 metres free style European record at Wembley Pool last year.

MAEKI BEATEN IN MILE RACE

Helsinki, August 21.—J. Mostert, the Belgian runner, beat Taisto Maeki, holder of four world records, in a mile race here, his time being 4 mins. 10 4-10 secs. This is the best time ever put up for the distance by a Belgian, and equals the Finnish record of Paavo Nurmi made in 1923.

Maeki, whom many critics think is rather overdoing things by running to sun bathe at cricket. He watched the Test match between England and West Indies at Kennington Oval.

FOOTBALL CHIEF WATCHES TEST

London, August 20.—The football season in England began yesterday and all the big League clubs were engaged in their special Jubilee charity matches.

The sweltering heat was suitable for cricket, and Mr. W. C. Cuff, the new Football League President, with plenty of football in front of him, preferred to sun bathe at cricket. He watched the Test match between England and West Indies at Kennington Oval.

FOR the ninth year in succession United States have won the Wightman Cup. England have been very close to regaining the trophy they last held in 1930—since then they have only lost by the odd match on four occasions—but they have failed once again.

Actually it would have been rather remarkable if they had won this year. Everything pointed to the holders retaining the trophy. In addition to climate advantages—America in August is terribly hot—they possessed the woman champion of the world in Miss Marble and the finest women's doubles combination in Miss Marble and Mrs. Fabyan.

As was the case last year, principal English honours were taken by Kay Stammers. She accounted quite easily for that doughty player Helen Jacobs, and made Alice Marble go all the way before going down to her over the whole distance.

Last year Kay, in beating Miss Marble, registered England's only singles win.

Special mention must be made of Miss Valerie Scott, who, in her Wightman Cup debut, completely outclassed Mrs. Fabyan. The latter, however, whilst being a first-class doubles player with the finest low-volley in women's tennis to-day, does not profess to have nearly the same aptitude for the singles game.

THE groundsman at one of the Edinburgh sports grounds not a hundred miles from Ferry Road, is an ex-county cricketer, and many and good are the tales he tells of the game which he adored.

One of his best is that of the player on a well-known English ground who, hitting the ball with the "meat" of the bat every time, had run very smoothly into the seventies. Despite this, however, he had three times appealed, unsuccessfully, against the light. When he met his fourth refusal with a plaintive, "But I can't see," it was too much for a bowler weary with slinging down everything he knew. Quick as a flash his "come back" was, "Then that must be a d—d good guesser."

Then there was the player whose lunch had been more liquid than solid. "I can't go out there," said he to his skipper, "I'd see three balls." "Never mind, said the captain, "Out you go—and play the middle one." One ball was enough. Back in the pavilion, the captain, a bit peeved, asked why he had not played the middle ball. "I did," explained the bibulous one, "but I played it with the outside bat."

At another ground a bowler simply could not split a partnership, but eventually a ball delivered a couple of strides past the wicket hit the sticks. Even the umpire was too taken aback to "no ball" him. But he recovered, and to a pugnacious, "He's out, isn't he?" from the bowler, replied quietly "Well—which end wer't bowlin' at, lad?"

NOT infrequently we hear of Scottish soccer players being secured by English clubs who are prepared to give such players "a position on the ground staff." Yet the English authorities frown on "inducements to sign," and in one case, that of Alec James, they actually held an exhaustive inquiry into the circumstances of the transfer from Preston North End to Arsenal.

Just ten years ago Liverpool and then Manchester City and next Aston Villa sought the transfer from Preston North End. Liverpool and Preston actually came to an agreement about terms, but James refused to be a third party to the negotiations. With surprising ease, Manager Herbert Chapman stepped in and persuaded Alec to fix up for Arsenal.

It was soon known that the player was to enter a very important London trading business, his job being to demonstrate the art of football; and (Continued on Page 25)

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Grant's Bowling Strategy England's Batsmen Were Surprised



C. B. FRY SAYS

The Oval, August 19.

It is a fine sunny day. "Boss" Martin says the wicket, too, is fine. He told me that the reason Oval wickets are so good has nothing to do with dope or marl: their virtue is due to the deep planting of grass seeds at the bottom of holes made by a patent spiked roller, so that the mass of root fibre is thick and substantial under the whole area.

The coin is tossed. England have won the choice and will bat. We shall now see whether Boss's watering pot has left enough damp to give the bowling a lift for the first hour.

PLENTY OF PEP

Yes: the watering pot has left some traces. E. A. Martindale's first over from the pavilion end to Hutton and Keeton is lively. Martindale is strong, shapely and loose of arm, he raises plenty of pep from his fifteen yards run.

From Vauxhall bowls T. Johnson, tall, slim and very long of leg. He bowls fairly fast, left-handed, with a fluent swirl and a high-over arm. His first ball is a deceptive slower one, fatal to Keeton, who has the sad ill-luck to play it into his wicket. A very good batsman gone; and only two runs on the board.

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His successor, Oldfield, neat and small, starts with a risky snick through the slips, and then a pretty cut off Martindale.

Meanwhile, our young hero Hutton, his upper arms glued to his ribs and his eyes tight on the ball, is playing

SPORTS PARADE

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so to act as a sales assistant. The English League, at the request of several clubs, decided to find out just how James had secured this post—in fact, whether Arsenal had influenced the transaction and so offered an extraneous inducement to him to sign. Manager Chapman and the officials of Liverpool, Manchester City, and Aston Villa were all questioned at length. At the end of an hour the English League management Committee stated that they "had no objection to the transfer of Alec James to Arsenal."

So the ex-Raith Rovers wizard proceeded to Highbury, where such other inside forward stars as Charles Buchan and David Jack had preceded him.

himself in by schedule. A sound, cool hand.

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So it is that the first half-hour exhibits excellent bowling from both ends which gives both batsmen food for care. A few thoughtful cuts past point and diversions to leg bring the total to 20. The bowling is as yet on top of the batting. The fielding close and keen.

OLDFIELD IS SPRY

At noon a change at the pavilion end. Leary Constantine for Martindale; this for the sake of conserving the latter's full speed. And Leary's first over suggests that he will bowl well to-day.

Have you noticed the quick catalytic quality of his action? Do you see that he rarely bowls two balls alike for pace throughout the over? He specialises in surprise. A vivacious and hostile bowler.

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Oldfield cuts firmly with a neat blade; he is clever at walking round the straight ball and persuading it away to leg; he is ever on the qui vive for a body-spin into a powerful hook. A tidy well-poised little fellow and ever so spry.

Hutton has begun to oppose an ever broader bat to the ball; but he is not yet set for freedom; he is studiously strained.

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In an hour we have scored 57; Hutton 32, Oldfield 24. Oldfield is brisking up. In style he reminds me of S. G. Barnes, the young Australian so well thought of by his compatriots, but he has an easier swing and a quicker wrist. I like him.

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Hutton slides out of his restraint into three strong off-drives. Taking his long stride forward he thrusts his forearm at the good-length ball with the added grace of a final and pronounced move of the wrists.

The ball scuds to the white boundary boards past all overtaking.

THE MASTER BATSMAN

Oldfield is busy, too, with his cuts so Grant thinks well to try himself instead of the fast bowler and replaces Constantine with Clarke, his leg-break bowler.

Hutton registers his 50 with the stroke which of all strokes reveals the master batsman. With his back stroke, just as he uses it in pure defence, he suddenly whips out the latent power and forces the ball like a hard straight drive, past Clarke, the bowler, to the boundary.

The more I see of Oldfield the more I like him. His poise is so good. His hips are always over his engaged foot. Never drawn away; and in consequence the turn of his torso into his stroke is controlled and true. So it is that with a neat placing of the ball past mid-on he sends up our first hundred. His own score is now 45. But with a couple of overs he too registers his 50, with Hutton at 62.

Hutton's play has been a choice blend of watchful patience and alert vigour. He has driven well with his half-arm swing from the elbows, and his accelerating "wring of the towel."

WELL HANDLED

We are having another dose of Johnson. The West Indian captain uses his bowlers well; he never lets them get under the batting. The moment the batsmen seem to have dominance, he changes his attack so as to create a new situation.

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A feature of a thoroughly interesting spell of play, bowling and batting both high-class, has been the good running between the wickets. Hutton and his mate have collected a score of quick singles.

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Five minutes before the interval Johnson has another success. He engineers a catch to himself off his slower ball. Hutton goes forward too soon.

Thus his score is 73. So well set was this fine bat, and so well was he playing that Johnson can dwell upon his eviction as a triumph.

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Oldfield plays out the last over, and is happy with a first-rate not out 62 to his credit.

UP GOES 150

We resume with Clarke and Johnson bowling. Walter Hammond had no play before lunch; he now takes station with his familiar graceful aplomb. Another instance of the proper poise that comes from hips well forward over the engaged foot—even, mark you, as he walks out to the wicket.

Oldfield continues confidently his brisk and enterprising innings. So up goes 150.

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The first post-prandial change of bowling is Leary for Johnson from Vauxhall. Leary is trying all out to hand-cut the ball into sharp off-breaks. As usual he is exploiting his dismising variations of pace. An amusing bowler.

Oldfield is a good batsman in good form. His stroke as played and the ball as bowled form one system; not merely one detail applied to another and extraneous detail.

Leary is now plotting hard to get Oldfield caught at short square-leg close in. Oldfield sees the snare, tries to force the ball fine, very fine. But too fine withal, because he snicks it with his inner edge and is caught at the wicket on the leg-side. A first-rate innings of 80; full of liveliness and wisdom. Total, 168 for three men out.

The West Indies are playing a good match. Bowling full of intention; fielding sharp set and elastic.

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Hammond has played himself into certitude with 28 to his name, while Compton is measuring up to the bowlers without neglecting hooks.

Once Hammond hooks a short one from Leary with lordly, massive grace, to the far on boundary. And they say that Walter never "hooks." Then he sends up 200 off Clarke with a genuine leg-hit, old style. There are other fine batsmen on the side, but this is the master. His command is manifest.

Next we have another spell of Johnson bowling left-hand swingers across the line of the wicket to a silly mid-on and two short-legs. Martindale is bowling instead of Clarke.

Hammond continues in graceful authority. Compton, with his "Trumpery" blade and leaning poise is not as certain as usual of his strokes. Ere long, having collected 21, he digs at an off-ball from Martindale and is caught at short slip. That makes 215 for four.

A FORCING BAT

As for young Joe Hardstaff, fair, curly and confident, he takes guard with both hands at the top of the handle and clouts a turf-singeing off-drive, bolt upright. And then another. He is on the hit, and no mistake—if he can help it. But runs do not come in a hurry against the accurate bowling. Hammond has been standing at 38 for nearly fifteen minutes.

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In the end Leary gets Hammond at short leg; a well-bowled ball and a smart diving catch by Grant. Total 244 for five. A pretty good performance for the bowlers on this nice pitch against such strong batting.

Young Joe is letting fly with a circular swing round his wrists, as a centre. Some brilliant drives; and young Joe's light copper-coloured curls are shining in the sloping sun.

Nichols is here, the head and face of an experienced able seaman.

217 POINTS IN TWO MATCHES

Sydney, August 20.—A world record is claimed for the Newcastle (New South Wales) Central Club who in two successive Rugby league first grade matches have scored 217 points.

They beat Morpeth-East Maitland by 99 points to 10. The week before they had beaten Waratah-Mayfield by 118 points to 14. In the second match Bonnyman scored two tries and 13 goals.—Reuter.

feet of a giant Little Tich; and he is batting with experienced left-handed restraint, and quite well.

ON THE HIT

Leary hopes to get young Joe 1.b.w. with his fast straight ball. But Joe is wide awake this afternoon.

Joe is a grand forcing bat; but he would be a better if he always moved his weight properly on to his left foot, inner edge thereof, when he plants that flashing drive.

Grant has a bowl before tea, but nothing happens.

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Young Joe receives a well-pitched up ball, inviting a blow, and he leans gently in willowy fashion against it. He receives a fizzer outside the off-stump and clouts it to blazes. Paradoxical craftsman. He reaches his half century with a sky-scraping drive. Tea total 284, Hardstaff 54, Nichols 4.

Joe resumes with vigour. Severe on Martindale's swifts; less severe on Johnson's oblique swingers. Nichols trims the boat the other end.

Just on 5 o'clock Joe sends up 300 with a neat leg-side diversion.

At 5.20 Joe ran Nichols out—a mistaken call for a short run. Leary, the bowler, followed up and threw the wicket down—333 for 6.

Elated, Leary fired out Wood next ball—333 for 7.

Joe stands by at 87, but he loses Wright 1.b.w. to Leary next over, so he must hurry. Total 345 for 8: enter Goddard.

Joe scores a single: Clarke bowls Goddard.

Last man in and Joe 11 short of his century. Perks scores one then Joe takes Clarke's bowling and gives a chance which Leary misses. He snicks a lively four through the slips, then behaves foolishly. He has a wild swing at Leary and is clean bowled for 94. A very fine innings.

Total 352 all out—and no great total on this wicket.

Joe's victim, Nichols, opens our attack with a fast over from Pavilion end. Perks follows from Vauxhall with one not quite so fast. R. S. Grant and G. B. Stollmeyer start, one with precision, the other with uncertainty.

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At close of play West Indies had scored 27 for 1. Grant -6, J. Stollmeyer 14 not, Headley 7 not.

Midlands Championship

London, August 21.—Miss Betty Orr, member of St. Andrews Step Rock A.S.C., on Saturday won the 220 yards Midland breast stroke championship, at a gala staged by the St. Andrews Swimming and Life Saving Club at the Step Rock Pool. Her time for the distance was 3 mins. 43 2/5 secs., and she won by thirty yards from Miss Bella Lauder, Arnhall, Dundee. Principal results were:

Ladies' 200 Yards Midlands Breast Stroke Championship:—1, Miss Betty Orr, Step Rock Amateurs, St. Andrews; 2, Miss Bella Lauder, Arnhall, Dundee. Time: 3 mins. 43 2/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards Club Championship:—1, A. Scott; 2, D. Brown; 3, H. Stevenson. Time: 73 4/5 secs.

Women's 100 Yards Club Championship:—1, Elizabeth Wilson; 2, Joan Wilkie; 3, Annie Loudon. Time: 1 min. 44 1/5 secs.

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MRS. ELLIS

In the Scottish Lawn Tennis Championships at St. Andrews the singles resulted as under:

Men's Singles:—1, G. Collins beat J. F. Morton, 6-1, 6-3.

Women's Singles:—1, Mrs. T. Ellis (Sandringham, Norfolk); 2, Miss Angus (London).

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12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Strauss Songs.

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4 (R. Strauss); Standchen, Op. 17, No. 2 (R. Strauss). . . . Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Night, Op. 10, No. 3; Dream in the Twilight, Op. 29, No. 1...Herbert Janssen (Baritone) acc. by Gerald Moore at the piano.

12.43 p.m.—Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier"—Suite, played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Alwin.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Medley:—Lights Out, I Never Realised, Love is a Dancing Thing, Sympathy, I Love the Moon, A Beautiful Lady in Blue.

Medley:—Poor Butterfly, After You've Gone, Whispering, Alice Blue Gown, Just a Little Love, The Chocolate Soldier Waltz.

1.15 p.m.—Harry Roy & His Orchestra Everybody's Swinging It Now—Fox-Trot (Coots); Ev'ry Time I Look at You—Fox-Trot (Step); It May Be—Slow Fox-Trot, (Van Heusen); A Little Co-operation from You—Fox-Trot (Hoffman); The Sheep Were In The Meadow—Fox-Trot (Hoffman).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Latest Variety Numbers.

"Billy Williams' Songs": "When Father Papered the Parlour"; "I Wish It Were Sunday Night Tonight". . . . Lupino Lane & his Lambeth Walkers.

And The Angels Sing—Fox-Trot (Elman); A New Moon and an Old Serenade—Fox-Trot (Cos-

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low); . . . Gerald & his Orchestra. No, No, No, (Miller) . . . Max Miller (Comedian).

"The Story of Vernon & Irene Castle"—Selection. . . . Louis Levy & his Orchestra.

Mexican Rose (Tenney); Silver on the Sage—Film: The Texans (Rainger). . . . Bing Crosby with John Scott Trotter & His Orch.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—An Hour of Dance Music. I'm Feeling Happy—Quick Step (Film: Music Hath Charms—Hall); Many Happy Returns of the Day—Quick Step (Film: Music Hath Charms—Hall). . . . The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Wah-Hoo—Quick Step (Friend); T'Aint No Use—Fox-Trot (Lane). . . . Jimmy Dorsey & his Orch.

The Family Album—Waltz (From "To-night at 8.30"—Coward). . . . The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra.

Alone Again—Fox-Trot (Woods); A Melody from the Sky—Fox-Trot (Alter). . . . Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra.

Bring 'Em Back Alive—Fox-Trot (Jefferson); Who Stole the Tiger's Rug—Fox-Trot (Packay). . . . Nat Gonella & his Georgians.

Love's Loneliness—Tango (Bochmann); Nora—Tango (Boulanger). . . . George Boulanger & his Orch.

Avalon—Fox-Trot (Rose); Margie—Quick Step (Robinson). . . . Harry Roy and his Orchestra.

Slipping Through My Fingers—Fox-Trot (Woods); It's Love Again—Fox-Trot (Coslow). . . . Lew Stone and his Band.

A Beautiful Lady in Blue—Waltz (Coots). . . . Roy Fox & his Orch.

Rhythm Saved the World—Fox-Trot (Chaplin); Sing, Sing, Sing—Fox-Trot (Louis Prima). . . . The Kranjaks.

Every Minute of the Hour—Fox-Trot (Kenny). . . . Ted Fio Rito & his Orchestra.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Heart of England". A Programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Whitmarsh.

7.32 p.m.—The Music of Eric Coates. London Bridge—March; Summer Afternoon—Idyll. . . . Eric Coates & Symphony Orchestra.

A Song Remembered; Music of the Night. . . . John McCormack (Tenor) acc. at the Piano by Edwin Schneider.

By the Sleepy Lagoon. . . . Eric Coates & Symphony Orchestra.

Valsette from "The Wood Nymphs". . . . Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

Bird Songs at Eventide. . . . Master Robert Harris (Boy Soprano) acc. by Leslie Jeffries & his Orchestra. For Your Delight—Serenade. . . . Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Spanish Orchestral Concert.

Aire Andaluz (E. Lucena); Pasacalle; Pasodoble. . . . Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Jose Pablos.

En La Alhambra (Breton)—Serenata. . . . Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Arbos.

Three Cornered Hat—Suite (De Falla); The Neighbours; The Millers Dance; Final Dance. . . . New

Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

8.30 p.m.—STUDIO A. Concert by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Nel Verde Maggio—"Loreley" (Catalani).

2. Dal Campi. Dal Prati—"Mephistofele" (Boito). . . . Gaston D'Aquino.

3. Piano Solo. . . . E. O'Neill Shaw.

4. Non Ti Scorder Di Me—"Lullaby" (de Curtis).

5. Addio Bel Sogno—"Lullaby" (de Curtis). . . . Gaston D'Aquino.

6. Piano Solo. . . . E. O'Neill Shaw.

7. Povero Pulcinello (Buzzi Peccia).

8. Mattinata (Leoncavallo).

8.57 p.m.—Haydn—Quartet in G Major, Op. 64, No. 4, played by the Pro Arte Quartet.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Carmen Sylva (Ivanovici); Waltzes from the Operetta "Eva" (Lehar). . . . International Concert Orch.

Acceleration (J. Strauss); Budapest (Lanner). . . . Orchestre Mascotte.

9.45 p.m.—LONDON—The Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Verdi's "Il Trovatore", Act I.

With Corrado Zambelli; Bianca Scacciati, Ida Mannarini, Francesco Merli, Enrico Molinari, the Chorus of La Scala, Milan, and the Milan Symphony Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—A Concert of Schumann's Music.

Romance Nos. 1 & 2, Op. 94. . . . Henri Temianka (Violin).

Der Nussbaum; Mondnacht. . . . Karl Erb (Tenor) with Bruno Seidler-Winkler at the Piano.

Symphony No. 4 in D Minor. . . . The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

The Two Grenadiers. . . . Theodore Chaliapin (Bass). . . . with an Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goosens.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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The bidding:

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This is a tale of faulty defence which allowed South, the Declarer to make an optimistic contract for which he rightly had no play.

West opened the deuce of diamonds—a card that should have been significant as it indicated a four-card suit. South captured East's nine with his ten and led a spade to dummy's King. A Second spade was now played and East was allowed to hold the trick with his Queen. East returned a diamond, although he should have known that nothing much could be accomplished since Declarer held as many diamonds as his partner. However, so far nothing was lost since West now had a diamond trick established.

At this point the Queen of hearts was played from dummy. East won with the Ace and blindly returned a

heart. And now Declarer gave West a diamond trick, meanwhile establishing one for himself, which turned out to be the ninth trick.

East had had two chances to make the proper shift to a club, and while failure to take advantage of his first opportunity was excusable, his second dereliction was not. South would hardly have risked playing the Queen of hearts merely to set up one trick for himself. Hence he was marked with both the King and Jack. This being the case, there was only one suit in which South could be weak—namely, clubs—and a club return by East after taking the Ace of hearts would have still been timely enough to set the contract.

Yesterday you were Declarer and held: S—A—Q—9—x—x—x. Dummy held: S—J—x—x—x. With plenty of re-entries in both hands, what was your play, to capture all the remaining spades?

ANSWER: Lead the spade Jack from dummy and finesse (unless it is covered). This play loses only to the singleton King at your left. It wins whenever your right-hand opponent holds the King and either one or both of the remaining spades.

Score 100% for leading the Jack and finessing, 0 for playing the Ace or playing a small spade from dummy and finessing the Queen as you will lose a trick if your right-hand opponent holds K—10—x.

QUESTION NO. 182
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HITLER AND IL DUCE IN CLOSE TOUCH

Berlin, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, left the Chancellory at 7.45 p.m. (Berlin time).

In course of the thirty-minute conference, the German Chancellor explained in detail the several points in his answer to the British Government.

At 7.50 p.m., the Fuehrer received the Italian Ambassador, Signor Bernardo Attolico, for a conference lasting 15 minutes.

It is learned that Germany and Italy are in close consultation. Mussolini was informed of the contents of the British Note as soon as it was received, and when Signor Attolico met the Fuehrer last night, he was given a copy of the German observations.

Yesterday morning, Sir Nevile Henderson discussed the general situation with M. Coulondre and the Lithuanian Minister in Berlin.

German political circles express the opinion that the possibility of further negotiations exists.—Trans-Ocean.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Berlin, To-day.

The following official communique was issued last night concerning the conference between the German Chancellor and the British Ambassador:

"The Fuehrer received the British Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, this evening in the presence of the Reich Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop.

"The reply of the Fuehrer to yesterday's message from the British Government was handed to the Ambassador."—Trans-Ocean.

OFFER OF MEDIATION

Berlin, To-day.

The Dutch Premier, De Geer, last evening informed the German Envoy to the Hague, Count Julius Zech, that the Queen of the Netherlands and the King of the Belgians are ready to offer to the Governments of Germany, Italy, France, Britain and Poland their services in order to bring about a peaceful solution of the present crisis.

This information reached the Wilhelmstrasse last evening, while the corresponding information from Brussels is not yet at hand.—Trans-Ocean.

POLAND ACCEPTS

Warsaw, To-day.

Poland, following the British and French example, has accepted the offer of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and King Leopold of Belgium to use their good offices with a view to solving the crisis, according to an official communiqué.—Reuter.

HITLER REPLY UNDER STUDY

London, To-day.

It is learned in Whitehall that Hitler's reply was received at the Foreign Office late last night and is now being examined by Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

No further statement can be expected at present.—Reuter.

HITLER RECEIVES ATTILICO

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POLAND IN THE WAY

Berlin, To-day.
The possibility and desirability of Anglo-German understanding on a wide basis is discussed by the press following Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the Commons yesterday and the exchange of communications between Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," for example, says that Hitler aims at peace in Europe by the removal of the injustice of Versailles and by a genuine Anglo-German understanding, but Mr. Chamberlain's speech showed that the unsolved German-Polish question stands in the way of attainment of this goal.—Reuter.

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